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Visitors talk on an intercom at the entrance of the Chinese Consulate General in Houston on Wednesday, which has been asked to shut | AP

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CHINA RED-FACED AS U.S. ASKS IT TO CLOSE HOUSTON CONSULATE

The US government on Wednesday ordered China to "cease all operations and events" at its consulate in Houston, Texas

STATE DEPT HINTS AT CYBER ESPIONAGE

The US decision follows the Justice Dept's claim that Chinese government backed hackers targeted firms developing Covid-19 vaccines. The US State Dept said the move is aimed at protecting American intellectual property and private information. After the US announcement, Chinese officials were seen burning bundles of documents inside the consulate compound

BEIJING THREATENS TO RETALIATE

Reacting strongly to the US move, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin termed it as an "unprecedented escalation" and warned retaliatory measures. Wang also claimed the Chinese embassy and consulates in the US had received both explosives and death threats recently | PTI

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NO. OF CONSULATES-GENERAL CHINA HAS IN THE U.S., BESIDES ITS EMBASSY

Invest, says PM. Let's go beyond trade: EAM to US

Important to cultivate strong bilateral ties amid threats from China, agrees Pompeo

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

THERE has never been a better time to invest in India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday, inviting foreign investments and adding that the Indo-US partnership should help the world bounce back from the coronavirus pandemic.

Delivering the keynote address at the US-India Business Council-hosted India Ideas Summit virtually, Modi said, "India is contributing towards a prosperous and resilient world through the clarion call of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. There is global optimism towards India as it offers a perfect combination of openness, opportunities and options." The Prime Minister said that global economic resilience can be achieved by stronger economic capacities.

Earlier in the day, speaking at the summit, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar pitched for India-US relations to go beyond trade. "The US really needs to learn to work in a multi-polar world. It needs to go beyond alliances that it has grown up with in the last two decades. We need to find more common ground. For Indo-US relations, we need to think beyond trade," he said. The minister's state-

ment comes in the backdrop of China warning India against siding with the US, saying that it was wishful thinking by New Delhi if it hoped that Washington will stand by it.

Jaishankar's views were echoed by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who also virtually participated in the summit. "We believe this is a new age of relationship between the US and India. It is important for the two countries to cultivate strong ties amid threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)," he said, adding that India was a key player in an open and free Indo-Pacific.

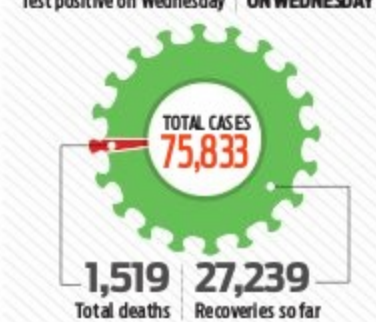
Modi said the poor and vulnerable must be at the core of the growth agenda. "Ease of living is as important as ease of business. The pandemic has reminded us of the importance of resilience of the global economy against external shocks, which can be achieved by stronger domestic economic capacities," he said.

Spelling out the sectors that can attract investment, the PM said: "The healthcare sector in India is growing faster than 22% every year and the progress of Indian companies in production of medical technology, telemedicine and diagnostics has been immense."



KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

4,764 Test positive on Wednesday
53 FATALITIES ON WEDNESDAY



Koppal to purchase 10,000 rapid antigen test kits in addition to 5,000 already in use
Kalaburagi reports 175 new cases on Wednesday, the highest single-day spike in 4 months
Ballari admin plans to rope in 700 tourist cabs from Hampi to transport patients
The Chitradurga DC's office was sealed off after the PA tested positive
Bengaluru, with 2,050 new cases, accounts for the highest number, followed by Udupi, Belagavi



A video grab of the ambulance that was torched by a group following the death of a Covid patient at the Civil Hospital in Belagavi on Wednesday night | EXPRESS

Ambulance torched by angry mob in Belagavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

A group of people torched an ambulance and resorted to stone-throwing at Belagavi Civil Hospital around 10 pm on Wednesday, apparently agitated over the death of a Covid-19 patient in the hospital. The mob alleged negligence of the hospital staff in treating the patient who died late on Wednesday night.

According to the APMC Station Police Inspector, several people from Athani gathered at the hospital after the death of the patient and stoned the Civil Hospital and many other vehicles parked outside before setting the ambulance on fire. They also tried to attack the hospital staff.

A case has been registered at the APMC police station in connection with the violence.

With Covid surge, Karnataka sees cases doubling in 10 days

IFFATH FATHIMA AND RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

WITH the number of Covid-19 cases galloping every day, Karnataka has now joined Andhra Pradesh and Meghalaya at the top as regards the doubling rate of the disease. It is now taking only 10 days for the numbers double in the state, according to the state war room report as of July 21. Among other high prevalence states, the time taken is 21 days in Tamil Nadu, 23 days in Maharashtra and 29 days in Delhi.

Epidemiologist Dr Giridhar Babu, Professor and Head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at Public Health Foundation of India, pointed out that the doubling time will reduce further as Covid cases surge. "This is a reflection of our R-naught value, which represents the num-

ber of people each person can infect. Karnataka's R-naught value is 1.31 at the moment and the goal is to bring it down to less than 1, which means there is no transmission from one person to another. The doubling rate also indicates the population characteristics of how we are moving around and how we comply with social distancing and wearing of masks," said Dr Babu, who is also a member of the Covid-19 technical advisory committee to the State Government.

On June 20, Karnataka was at the 11th spot, compared to other states, wherein it took 16 days for the number of cases to double. On June 30, the state climbed to the 7th spot with the time reducing to 15 days. The situation declined further thereafter. On July 10, the state was at second spot with the doubling time at nine days.

Nodal officer for Covid testing in the state, Dr C N Manjunath, who is also the director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, said the doubling rate could be indicative of segmental community transmission. "One of the reasons is that there are pockets of segmental community transmission. In addition to this, the number of tests being done has gone up in the last 10-15 days from 15,000 a day to 35,000 a day. If we were observing higher rate of doubling with no increase in the number of tests, then it would be a problem. Here, however, we have ramped up testing," Dr Manjunath explained.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who has not admitted to community transmission in Karnataka, said the state is conducting 17,296 tests per million population, which is one of the highest in the country. **P5**

Victim's kin assault doc at B'luru hospital

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

In yet another case of attack on Covid warriors, a 48-year-old physician at the government-run KC General Hospital here was manhandled by relatives of a Covid victim on Tuesday evening. The cause for the altercation was supposedly the hospital authorities telling them to wait for Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's approval whereas they wanted take away the body immediately.

According to a senior doctor at the hospital, a 43-year-old

woman was admitted with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection on June 19 and the rapid antigen test result was inconclusive. Another test was performed and she was found to be Covid-positive and was shifted to the Covid ward.

"On Tuesday morning, her condition started deteriorating and we asked the patient's relatives to take her to another hospital as she needed to be admitted in the ICU. Our ICU is not functioning as some staffers recently tested Covid-positive. But they refused to take her elsewhere and the patient died

in the afternoon. Then, they wanted to immediately take the body, but we couldn't allow as protocol needs to be followed and BBMP officials have to check the packing of the body. But they got furious and started to argue and assaulted one of the senior physicians," said a senior doctor.

In a video shot by the physician, the relatives of the patient are seen arguing when one of them tries to grab the phone. "The incident happened at 4.30 pm on Tuesday and our doctor was manhandled and assaulted," said a doctor. **P5**

EXPRESS READ

SC rules out physical hearings at present

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled out the possibility of conducting physical hearings at present in view of the ongoing Covid-19 situation. A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde said that a seven-judge committee of the apex court will consider after four weeks the aspect of re-starting physical hearing in the top court.

IAF sent strong signal to adversaries: Rajnath

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday complimented the IAF for its rapid deployment of assets at forward locations due to the border row with China in eastern Ladakh, saying its Balakot strike and the current combat readiness have sent a strong message to "adversaries". He said the nation's resolve to defend its sovereignty stands firm.



POLITICAL DECORUM

Newly elected Rajya Sabha member Jyotiraditya Scindia (L), who joined the BJP in March, greets his former Congress colleagues Ghulam Nabi Azad and Digvijaya Singh, before taking oath at Parliament House in New Delhi on Wednesday | PTI

IN SEARCH OF LIVELIHOOD

Returning to earlier jobs, but it's just a trickle

BOSKY KHANNA, BIJAY CHAKI, RAJESH ABRAHAM, DHINESH KALLUNGAL, RITIKA ARUN VAISHALI & AIKHI SUR @ Bengaluru / Bhubaneswar / Kochi / Vijayawada / Hyderabad

"WE are worried about money at the moment, not our health. The poor have no health to worry about," Ravi Chourasiya, 30, a contract carpenter in Bengaluru's Cox Town, says stoically. "Back home in Bihar, I have to feed my aged parents, two sisters, wife, two children and a younger brother. There was no source of income, so I had to

come back to Bengaluru, even in this dangerous time," he says.

Chourasiya's story is interchangeable with the majority of lakhs of Indian migrant workers, who without warning found themselves jobless at the end of March and stranded far from their homes. During the lockdown, Chourasiya went to his home state, but the familiar dearth of suitable jobs there has now forced him to return to Bengaluru.

Across the South, migrant workers have begun trickling back to the jobs they held before the Covid-19 lockdown. The workers say they have no choice but to return as government subsidies at their home states are not enough to sustain them any longer. "I earned just ₹828 from the MGN-REGA work I did for a week and received ₹2,000 as government incentive after two months. How can my family

live on such a meagre sum," asks Narendra, a migrant from Cuttack district in Odisha.

There are few jobs to be had in migrants' native villages. Birendra Das from West Bengal says, "In my village, shops and restaurants restarted in June first week, but I could not find any job, not even as a cleaner. I tried for nearly a month, but in Vijayawada my boss was ready to hire me back. So though I wasn't willing to, I returned on June 27," says Das.

But travelling back to states where they had worked is not

easy. Employers in Kerala say thousands in West Bengal, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are unable to return either due to a lack of trains or stringent travel restrictions in their home states. "We are ready to meet the initial quarantine and food expenses of the returning workers. But, we are told their home states, especially West Bengal and Assam, are not ready to provide the sanction for travel," says Shibin Jose, director, KLR Facility Management, a Kochi-based manpower supplier.

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Tribal leader among 5 named for Council seat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A tribal leader from Yellapur and an Economics professor from North Karnataka have been nominated to the Karnataka Legislative Council on Tuesday, along with former ministers A H Vishwanath, C P Yogeshwara and BJP Mahila Morcha state president Bharati Shetty.

A notification to this effect was issued from Raj Bhavan hours after Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa met Governor Vajibhai Vala to get his assent for the nomination of five candidates, including Shantarama Budna Siddi, the tribal leader who is also a member of the RSS since his college days, and Dr Talwar Sabanna, Professor of Economics at Rani Chennamma University, Belagavi.

DETAILED REPORT: P3

AMID POLITICAL CRISIS, ED RAIDS GEHLOT'S BROTHER

RAJESH ASHANI @ Jaipur

EVEN as the political crisis in Rajasthan continues unabated, the Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday raided the premises of CM Ashok Gehlot's brother Agrasen in Jodhpur. This is the fifth major action by central agencies against people linked to the Chief Minister.

Wednesday's raids were in connection with a money-laundering case linked to an alleged fertiliser scam. Agrasen is accused of exporting subsidised fertilisers meant for farmers during 2007-2009, when the UPA was in power at the Centre. Officials said Agrasen is facing a ₹7 crore penalty from the Customs department in the alleged scam.

Agrasen owns a Jodhpur-based company named Anupam Krishi and the raids on his premises were conducted as part of a nationwide search.

On Wednesday, the ED also interrogated Ratankant Sharma, the

owner of Hotel Fairmont where MLAs supporting CM Ashok Gehlot are staying. According to sources, he has business links with the CM's son Vaibhav.

Sharma was raided and questioned last week, too, in connection with a case of money laundering from Mauritius.

Meanwhile, the legal battle between Sachin Pilot and Gehlot shifted to the Supreme Court with Rajasthan Speaker moving the SC against the HC order asking him to defer disqualification proceedings against Pilot and 18 other dissident MLAs.

Soon after the raid on CM's brother, Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala said the BJP has created a 'raid raj' and is misusing central agencies to topple the Gehlot government.

Meanwhile, Gehlot shot off a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging some BJP leaders were trying to topple his government. **P9**

First-of-its-kind suit on climate change in Oz



In what may be a first-of-its-kind action, an Australian student has sued the government for failing to disclose climate change risks to investors in sovereign bonds. Kathleen O'Donnell, a 23-year-old student who owns Australian government bonds, is the lead claimant in the class action filed in the Federal Court. The lawsuit alleges Australia's economy and reputation will be significantly impacted by the government's response to climate change. | P14

Short of hands, BBMP looks for Covid volunteers

Officials need help with swab collection

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

The Health Department and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have requested citizens to volunteer and join the work of collecting swab samples, as departments concerned are facing a staff crunch and there is an urgent need to increase testing.

At present, 140 primary health centres and fever clinics, 16 private labs and 15 mobile clinics are collecting swabs. Every day, 11,000 samples are being tested, but now the government wants to increase it to 20,000. "Since the target has been increased, more hands are needed on the ground. That's why we've requested citizens to help," BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad told The New Indian Express.

Citizens can volunteer not just in Bengaluru, but across the state, said a senior health department official.

Prasad said that workers are struggling with the workload now and with plans to add 100 more testing facilities, additional hands will come as a boon.

Officials said that many graduates, fresh out of college, who have not been able to find jobs due to the pandemic, can join as

volunteers. Apart from an honorarium, the work will also keep them occupied and give them a sense of purpose, they added.

The BBMP is working on roping in volunteers who had worked with the Bengaluru City Police during the lockdown. Prasad said, "We need volunteers not just for swab collection and policing, but also testing, data collection and entry, contact tracing, quarantine centre coordination and war room duties."

The commissioner said that even during his first press conference, he had pointed out that despite orders from the chief secretary, many government officials are not coming forward to do Covid-related work. This was conveyed to the chief secretary during a meeting on Tuesday night, he added.

Citizen-volunteers are better because of their knowledge on localities and communities. They can interact with locals, break stigmas and spread awareness. A health department official told *TNIE* that there have been many instances of ASHA and health workers being attacked by locals when they were on sample collection or door-to-door survey duty, but when the task is given to people from the same community, such incidents can be curbed.



Supply has stopped as no hostels are open and most of the canteens too are shut. The loss from this is ₹1 crore each month
B N Prasad, MD, Hopcoms

1) A closed Hopcoms outlet at Basavanagudi on Wednesday | SHIRAM BN

2) Vegetable vendors are giving mobile units of Hopcoms a fierce competition | ARUNIMA A

Hopcoms stares at losses, many outlets closed

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE State-owned Hopcoms is staring at losses due to the pandemic-induced lockdown. Many of the outlets of the Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (Hopcoms) in Bengaluru are closed. Also its mobile units are now seeing fierce competition from a sudden increase in the number of vegetable and fruits cart vendors.

The Hopcoms of Bengaluru division has 320 outlets, of which 270 alone are in Bengaluru. There are outlets in Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural, Kolar and Chikkaballapura. On an average, more than 70 tonnes of vegetables and fruits are sold in these outlets procured by farmers in and around Bengaluru.

Ever since the pandemic lockdown was announced in March, at least 25 outlets located in public parks, hospital premises and other places are closed. This apart, another 20 to 30 outlets located in con-

tainment zones are also closed for some days.

Speaking to *TNIE*, B N Prasad, Managing Director of Hopcoms, said that in Bengaluru, outlets attached to public parks, KC General Hospital, Victoria Hospital and Lalbagh among others are closed. The outlets in containment zones too are closed, though the number varies. Altogether, we are facing a loss of Rs 75 lakh per month due to this, he said.

This apart, Hopcoms would supply vegetables and fruits

to hostels of 100 educational institutions and canteens run at the premises of companies. "The supply has been stopped as no hostels are open and most of the canteens too are shut. The loss from this is Rs 1 crore every month," he said.

Hopcoms operates 25 mobile units and sells vegetables and fruits in layouts. Sources from Hopcoms said that here too they are not getting business. "Due to Covid-19, many lost jobs and business. Now, construction workers and auto

drivers have started selling vegetables and fruits at the doorstep. We can't match their numbers. They not only go to each street, but also sell vegetables at the junctions. We cannot compete with them. Moreover, it is their livelihood," said official sources.

Hopcoms is also facing another challenge. "Most of our employees working in our outlets are between 52 years and 55 years of age. We need to take care of them," said Prasad.

IN THE HIGH COURT

Use legislative power to implement child rights law, govt told

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the State government to effectively implement the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act and Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act. Stating that the State has failed to exercise the rule-making power under the Acts, a division bench issued the directions after hearing a batch of PILs and suo motu proceedings initiated on the SC's order. **ENS**

Canal construction in reserve: Notice issued to state, union govts

Wildlife activists of Chikkamagaluru district have moved the Karnataka High Court against the proposed diversion of several acres of grassland - a part of Basur Amruth Mahal Kaval Black Buck Conservation Reserve - for construction of a canal by Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited (VJNL) to supply water to four districts from the Upper Bhadra Project. Hearing the PIL, a division bench issued a notice to the state government and Centre. **ENS**

CONSIGNMENT DRAMA

Much ado about mutton: Meat on Rajdhani Spl not dog's after all

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THERE was high drama at the KSR railway Station on Wednesday morning, thanks to a false alarm that dog meat was being transported to Bengaluru from New Delhi via the Rajdhani Special. This piece of 'information' sent the railway officials, food inspectors of the BBMP, the Government Railway Police and the Railway Protection Force into a tizzy. The inspection of the contents in the parcels revealed that it was only meat of goat and sheep.

The GRP at KSR Railway Station have booked a case under Section 273 of IPC which permits action to be taken against sale of noxious food or drink.

A total of 42 boxes containing heads, legs and other body parts of goats and sheep had been booked on the parcel van of the Rajdhani which left New Delhi on Monday night (July 20), said GRP sources. "It is legal to transport chicken and

mutton as parcels on trains. The control room received a call on Wednesday morning from a vernacular journalist stating that dog meat was being illegally transported on the Rajdhani Special," said a source. The RPF and GRP rushed to platform 8 where the train had arrived at 6.40 am. "The boxes were opened and they were found to contain stale body parts of goat and sheep. The

BBMP Food Inspector and the Health Safety Inspector of Railways were called to the spot and they collected samples for testing," another source said. "It was decided to dispose of the consignment," he added.

A N Krishna Reddy, senior divisional commercial manager, Bengaluru Division, confirmed the development to *TNIE*. "Booking mutton and chicken as parcel on trains is legal but they need to

be properly packed using thermocol and ice. These perishable items need to be in a good condition. Railways can only transport the goods booked through it. Quality control is the role of the government's Food Safety Department where the consignment was booked," he said.

A source said, "The alert on dog meat made everyone rush to take action as killing dogs for meat is illegal under IPC 1860 (Section 429) and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960."



Postman tests +ve, GPO section shut for 3 days

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE delivery section of the General Post Office (GPO) was sealed on Tuesday morning after a postman tested Covid positive. The busiest among all post offices in the Bengaluru Region, the GPO on an average takes care of deliveries of 5,000 Speed Post articles, 3,000 registered items, and 550 parcels daily.

Four more post offices in and around the city — the sub post offices of Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Shivaram Karanth Nagar, Deepanjali Nagar and Bolara branch office — were fully sealed on Wednesday morning after postal employees tested Covid positive. All the premises are being sanitised.

Post Master General, Bengaluru Headquarter Region, S Rajendra Kumar said, "We had shut the delivery section of the GPO alone on Tuesday morning after we were in-



The delivery section of GPO sealed off

formed that a postman tested positive on Monday. All his colleagues in the section have been asked to stay in home quarantine. We hope to open the delivery office on Friday. The other sections of GPO are functioning as usual."

Deliveries that the GPO carries out in surrounding areas, including Vidhana Soudha, Infantry Road, Vasanth Nagar and Cantonment area, have come to a standstill since Tuesday. "Deliveries to other parts of the city aren't affected as the Mail Sorting section is working," he added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23rd July: A sweet, sensitive Moon indicates that many of us will be making idealistic and optimistic resolutions for the next twelve months. The rest of us may just be confused. But, then, today doesn't really have much astrological significance, so we can always wait for tomorrow!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's a reasonably emotional day when all is said and done, and you may discover rare strains of sentimentality deep in your astrological psyche. Put family members first, and let friends and colleagues wait their turn. What you need is order, where once there was chaos!

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You should not expect to get your way over a professional matter. If you do succeed, all well and good, but otherwise you should be patient and accept that for any ambition to be fulfilled, the time must be right. There's little to be gained from fighting battles you can't win - and a great deal to be lost.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may be inclined to distance yourself from certain events in your past, and in the future you might concentrate more on schemes designed to broaden your horizons. The crucial factor, though, is how much you can really afford. The first step, then, is to count your cash.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There will definitely be a few emotional ups and downs today, and even the occasional misunderstanding, most likely around midday. Stay on your toes and keep an eye on the beneficial long-term pattern. And don't get too upset by people who pick up the wrong end of the stick.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

There could be a mystery to solve, perhaps a lost possession or mislaid instructions. There could even be an element of face if other people fail to keep appointments or just generally miss the point! The best advice? Probably to hang on to your sense of humour.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Once in a while you are given a moment to pause, to come up for air and take your bearings. This must be one such time, and if you possibly can work out exactly who is doing what, you'll get a very much better notion of your own future role - and a good thing, too!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Events which take place now could make you less inclined to count the cost of a relationship which may have lost its glitter. In other words, be thankful for what you have, and don't expect people to be things they're not! Sometimes happiness flows from appreciating what you've got.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

There are simple solutions. However, you can ensure that others take you at your word, and give you the necessary backing. The emotional situation at the moment could be rather fraught if you fail to notice that partners require ten times the normal dose of affection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

You have learnt many harsh lessons in the past, but now you must take on the hardest of all - to trust other people. Fortunately, the emotional issues seem to be slight, so only practical problems need to be faced. Partners will appreciate a businesslike approach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Your chart is like a maze, and it's all a question of finding your way to the heart of the matter. For reasons best known to yourself you appear to be caught between two emotional choices. These seem to relate to family members rather than friends or lovers, and the solutions are right under your nose!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

An opportunity which materialises some time over the next few weeks could enable you to make a completely fresh start. The absolutely vital point now is to talk about all your plans, even at the risk of being thought silly. If partners don't understand you, that's their problem!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

You are in a creative mood, and both at work and at home you should find ways to enjoy even the duller activities. If new purchases or investments are under scrutiny, keep talking and check the facts. You'll be in a much stronger position if you actually know what's going on.

THE PHANTOM



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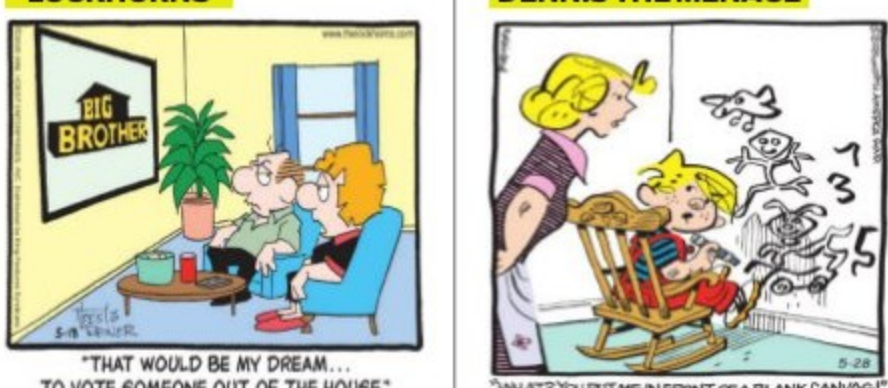
BEETLE BAILEY



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LOCKHORNS



DENNIS THE MENACE



Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

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6	1	9	4			
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EASY

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

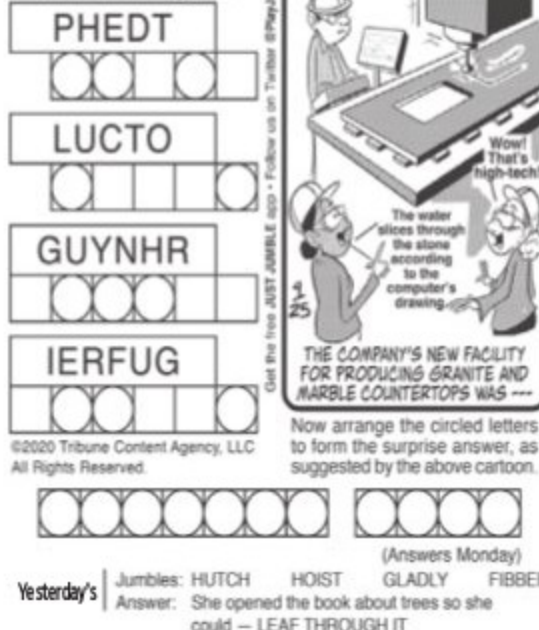
Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzles

8	7	6	9	1	3	2	4	5
5	1	4	2	7	6	3	9	8
3	2	9	4	5	8	1	6	7
1	3	2	5	6	9	7	8	4
9	4	8	3	2	7	5	1	6
7	6	5	1	8	4	9	2	3
6	8	3	7	9	1	4	5	2
4	5	1	8	3	2	6	7	9
2	9	7	6	4	5	8	3	1

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- Relief for one who's been had, we hear (7)
- Let in or out (5)
- Americans may find it a good place for a break (4)
- Such colourful designs are just a tissue of lies (4,4)
- No running in race for men only (10)
- A bad mark for the errant magistrate lacking rebuke (6)
- In a way my sort is hardly fair (6)
- Kick up a fuss - like stage designers might (4,1,5)
- Look amazed (4-4)
- A case for sewers (4)
- Law and order (5)
- Noel's blazer (4,3)

DOWN

- What one is not well off of? (5)
- Pot or tin basin broken (8)
- Ridicules cooks? (6)
- An entertaining job for a girl who likes travel (3,7)
- Engage me with a plea for silence (4)
- They admit blame for hospital treatment (7)
- A man of alien intelligence possibly (5,5)
- Eastern relation perhaps (8)
- He reformed under the influence of spirits (7)
- Solely depend on me (6)
- Examining some barley in granaries (5)
- Each one a fairy (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Educational, 9 Ontario, 10 Alibi, 11 Nods, 12 Opposing, 14 Dotted, 16 Cinema, 18 Sterling, 19 Oust, 22 Uncle, 23 Unifier, 24 Fell through.

Down: 2 Dated, 3 Carp, 4 Troops, 5 Oratorio, 6 Asinine, 7 Joined issue, 8 Ringmasters, 13 Well well, 15 Treacle, 17 Enough, 20 Using, 21 Lido.

THE CM'S CHOICE

Yogeshwar, Vishwanath finally in

RSS has its say on two MLCs; Vokkaliga leader hopes to get energy portfolio

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

KEEN on fulfilling his promise, Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday received the Governor's nod to nominate Adagur H Vishwanath to the Karnataka Legislative Council, along with four others, including Vokkaliga strongman CP Yogeshwar. Earlier in the day, Yediyurappa had met Governor Vajubhai Vala to get his assent for five candidates -- three he had himself handpicked, and two others chosen by the party and backed by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, BJP's ideological head.

BJP Mahila Morcha state president Bharati Shetty, who lost out on emerging as a candidate for the Council polls, is the lone woman to be nominated. Shantarama Budna Siddi, a tribal leader from Yellapura and member of the RSS since his college days, and also first graduate from the Siddi community, and Dr Talwar Sabanna, a gold medalist in Economics from Kalaburagi and currently Professor of Economics at Rani Chennamma University of Belagavi, are the others to be nominated.

Vishwanath, who quit as Janata Dal state president and was disqualified as an MLC, was among the 15 re-

bel MLCs from Congress-JDS alliance to join the BJP in 2019, effectively toppling the HD Kumaraswamy-led government. Even when he suffered an electoral defeat in Hunsur in the December 2019 bypolls, Vishwanath maintained that Yediyurappa had promised to make him a cabinet minister and would stand by his promise. Yediyurappa finally ensured Vishwanath's nomination to the Upper House.

"All the credit goes to the party and our Chief Minister. I will accept any decision the party takes," Yogeshwar told *TNIE* when asked if he hopes to be inducted into the cabinet.

Sources in the party suggest that Vishwanath and Yogeshwar will be accommodated in the cabinet during a reshuffle expected in August. Yogeshwar is said to be eyeing the heavyweight Energy portfolio, held by his nemesis DK Shivakumar during the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government. Bharati Shetty's nomination will take the strength of women MLCs in the House to three, alongside Tejaswini Gowda and Veena Acharya.

Much like the selection of candidates for the Council, Yediyurappa seems to have had his way this time too, on three of five candidates.



BSY keeps faith, author could still be minister

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

FINALLY, it is former minister and poet-politician A H Vishwanath's pen that got him the political reward which had eluded him ever since the BS Yediyurappa government came to power. That, and his faith in the chief minister. In fact, there were many who wrote the epitaph of his political career after he failed to make it to the ministry and Legislative Council.

While leaders with rich resources, strong political connections and caste equations got ministerial berths for the rebellion that toppled the coalition government, Vishwanath was denied the same as he had lost the Hunsur assembly by-election.

However, he now has reason to smile. His literary pursuit has clinched him a place in the Council, thus keeping his ambition of becoming minister alive.

Vishwanath's supporters, too, feel that justice has been done to veteran who was instrumental in bringing in the Yashaswini health insurance scheme and hot meals in schools.

Vishwanath, who has eight books to his credit, claimed that he was proud to be identified as a freelance author who has written on democracy, state and national politics, besides novels. He now plans to pen a book on his days in Mumbai, and record the truth and reason behind the change in guard. He terms it an important political development in the history of Karnataka politics.

He had often claimed that he had confidence in Yediyurappa and that the Lingayat strongman would keep his promise. "I am thankful to Yediyurappa who is known for keeping his word. It proves that he has not compromised on values, like others," he said.

The Chief Minister had reportedly called him on Tuesday night and told that he was nominated to the Council.

Yediyurappa, who took the reins of Karnataka for the fourth time, took the risk of accommodating all 17 MLCs who had revolted against the Congress-JDS coalition government, and won the confidence of the high command, but remained helpless when it came to Vishwanath's case.

Now that the BJP has accommodated Vishwanath, he has the scope to become the party's backward voice and be of great help in future, senior BJP functionary Mahesh said.

Land Reforms Act: Cong to stage protest

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FARMERS' associations and Congress leaders have decided to jointly protest against the amendment to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act. After holding a meeting with leaders of farmers' associations in Bengaluru on Tuesday, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said farmers were ready to protest against the changes in the Act.

"We will also start a campaign against the amendments to the Land Reforms Act and APMC Act, but before that we will protest against the alleged irregularities in purchase of medical equipment," the former CM said.

A day after Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa rubbished allegations of alleged irregularities in purchase of medical equipment, Siddaramaiah said they will provide details about the same on Wednesday.



A group of people get into a BMTC bus in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The transport corporation restarted its services after the week-long lockdown | ARUNIMA A

Yediyurappa reviews steps to contain Covid in city's zones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ON the first day after the week-long lockdown in Bengaluru ended, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa reviewed the measures put in place to contain Covid-19 in each zone of Bengaluru individually. On July 9, the CM had appointed eight ministers and eight senior IAS officers as in-charges of each of the eight zones in Bengaluru. On Wednesday, Yediyurappa reviewed the progress in Rajarajesh-

wari Nagar, Dasarahalli, Bommanahalli and Mahadevapura zones.

With a focus on reducing mortality rates, in-charge IAS officers and ministers have been directed to speed up the process of testing and delivery of results for symptomatic and those with comorbidities first. While ministers will receive daily briefings on the number of cases, deaths and containment zones among others, the CM will review the same on a weekly basis. "Each zone is being given a tar-

get to achieve on the number of cases and testing. There should be no delay in deploying ambulances and shifting those who have tested positive. File cases against those violating quarantine norms and initiate action against officials who refuse to turn up to work," Yediyurappa is said to have told the ministers and officials.

Awareness programs will become an important part of the zonal in-charge ministers' responsibility.

Waive property tax across state, says DKS

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HIGHLIGHTING the financial burden that citizens are facing due to the pandemic, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee President D K Shivakumar on

Wednesday appealed to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to waive all property tax.

The appeal comes at a time when many property owners have raised concerns over paying taxes during a time when

their businesses, salaries, incomes have been affected due to the lockdown and the pandemic.

In a tweet, he wrote that the government should waive all property taxes across the state for a year, on humanitarian grounds. "I urge Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to waive all property taxes, in urban local bodies and rural panchayats, for a period of one year on humanitarian grounds," Shivakumar tweeted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Mr. Gururaj Kalabandi S/o Sri Narayana Rao, aged about 67 years, residing at No. 114, Hayavadana Rao Road, Gavipuram Extension, Near Ramakrishna Ashram, Bengaluru-560 019, has lost the original sale deed registered as document No. 167/2015-16 dt. 13.10.2015 at Bengaluru City.

Notice is hereby given to all the general public that whoever finds the above mentioned original document may kindly inform/contact the undersigned within 7 days of publication of this notice. After the said period my client will treat the above said original document as lost permanently and will take further steps in accordance with law as they deem fit. This publication is made based on the complaint lost report reference No. 086258/2020 dt. 10.7.2020 filed before the Bangalore City Police.

SCHEDULE
Property relating to Flat No.604, in Y.S. Apartments, Gurudatta Layout, Hosakerehalli, Ward No.160, Bengaluru with 145-400 sq.ft., SDA-1000 Sft., + Car Parking bearing BBMP issued B-Form Katha No.2051/3, 3A, 4, 5 & 6/356-SF-604.

KAMALAKSHI G. VAIDYA, Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Smt. Nagalakshamma has lost the original registered document bearing No. 21077-78 of property No. 34, 5th Main Road, Kalidasa layout, Srinagar, Bengaluru-50, registered in the office of the sub registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore. In this regard, a police complaint has been lodged with crime branch, Bangalore City police on date 02.07.2020.

Any person who may find the aforesaid document may hand over the same to the undersigned as Sri. K.N. Sujay Kumar S/o Smt. Nagalakshamma, also member of our Bank has applied for loan in our Bank.

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Notification - Selection of Vice-Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University

- The Government of Karnataka invites applications for the selection of Vice-Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapur as per sec.14(2) of Karnataka State University Act, 2000 from eligible distinguished Academicians/Professors with following credentials
 - A person of the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment.
 - A distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years' of experience as Professor in a University or ten years' of experience in a reputed research and / or academic Administrative Organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.
 - As provided in the sec 14(5) and 14(6) of Karnataka State University Act, 2000, the Vice Chancellor shall, subject to the pleasure of the Chancellor and the State Government, hold the office for a maximum period of 4 years or until he attains the age of Sixty Seven years whichever is earlier. Consequently, a person to be appointed as Vice Chancellor shall have clear four years tenure.
- It is hereby apprised that second proviso of sub-section (4) of section 14 provides that the Vice-Chancellor of the Women University shall, as far as practicable be a woman.
- Persons interested in submitting their candidacy for the Vice-Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University, should make hard copies of the application in triplicate duly filled along with the academic, research credentials and administrative experience, achievements & other details in the proforma prescribed by the UGC within 15 days at the latest from the date of publication of this advertisement, to: **Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, 6th Floor, Gate No. 02, M.S. Building, Bangalore - 560 001.**
- Single soft copy of the application in PDF format should be mailed to e-mail: **kgsheduni2020@gmail.com.**
- The candidature of unblemished career and undoubted integrity, the applicant who is retired from service, should file a self attested certificate to the effect that no departmental / criminal enquiry is instituted / pending against him or no enquiry is culminated in penalties. Whereas, in case of applicant in service, he should file a certificate of his employer in this regard. The concerned will be subjected to stringent action if certificates are found to be false. Further, the applications not accompanying the above mentioned certificates will not be considered and processed.
- The application proforma is available on the website of **Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapur, Karnataka.**
- Incomplete applications and applications received after the stipulated time limit will not be entertained. This office is not responsible for postal or other kinds of delays.
- The candidature of those who indulge in undue influencing on the selection process through unethical means will stand cancelled.

Sd/-
**Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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DIPR/ODU/609/2020-21

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Commissioner, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002

No: AC(R&E)/PR/24/2020-21 DATE: 21.07.2020

NOTIFICATION

To Manage COVID-19 Patients, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike intends to conduct walk-in-interview for Service of the following Officers / Staff posts for 06 months purely on Temporary basis for Primary Health Care Centers.

Walk-In-Interview

Sl No.	Name of the posts	Educational Qualification	Consolidated Pay
1	MBBS Doctors	MBBS recognized by Medical Council of India	Rs. 60,000/-
2	Dental Doctors	BDS from a recognized university registered under dental council of India	Rs. 40,000/-
3	Ayush Doctors	BAMS Degree in Ayurveda from a recognized university BUMS Degree in Unani from a recognized university BSMS Degree in Siddha from a recognized university BHMS Degree in Homeopathy from a recognized university	Rs. 30,000/-
4	Staff Nurse	BSc/GNM/Diploma Nursing Registered in Karnataka Nursing Council	Rs. 15,750/-
5	Lab Technician	03 Years Para Medical Course Completed	Rs. 15,750/-
6	Pharmacist	B-Pharma/D-Pharma Registered in Karnataka Para Medical Board	Rs. 15,750/-
7	ANM	ANM Training Registered in Karnataka	Rs. 15,000/-
8	Junior Health Assistant (Male)	SSLC or Equivalent Qualification and Health Worker Training from SIHFV SSLC or Equivalent Qualification with 3 Yrs of Diploma in Health Inspector Training from State Paramedical Board PUC Science with 2 Yrs of Diploma in Health Inspector Training from Karnataka State Paramedical Board	Rs. 10,000/-
9	ASHA Worker	8th Pass, Women aged 26 to 45 Years Should be localite	Rs. 4,000/- (Honorarium)

Eligibility Criteria

- Age Limit: On the last date of notification, candidates shall not exceed the age of 50 years.
- The candidates should have the knowledge of Kannada (to write, speak and read)

Date : 23.07.2020 and 24.07.2020
Place of Interview : Sir Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, Bengaluru
Time : 10:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

The eligible candidates are requested to come with all relevant original and photo copy of documents to walk in selection on the above mentioned place and dates. The Commissioner, BBMP has the right to increase or reduce the number of posts. All the posts are purely on temporary basis for 06 months only. Placement will be given to Candidates nearer to Primary Health Care Centers.

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Gold smuggling: NIA probing Hyd hawala link

Telangana operators reached money to UAE before consignment was shipped to Kerala

MOULI MAREEDU @ Hyderabad

Days after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials arrested four persons, including former UAE consulate staff Swapna Suresh in Bengaluru, in connection with the Kerala gold smuggling case, the agency is understood to have collected details of those who were involved in smuggling gold through Hyderabad before the imposition of lockdown, to ascertain if there is any link between them and the Kerala operators.

The investigation agency also kept a close watch on the movements of some hawala operators in the city for their alleged nexus with the kingpins of the Kerala gold smuggling case, which the NIA, in its remand report, had said was part of a larger conspiracy to destabilise the country's economy by importing bullion in huge quantities and use the proceeds for financing terrorist operations.

The NIA suspects that the hawala operators in Hyderabad may have moved the money to

Gunman's house raided

T'Puram: The Customs department on Wednesday searched the residence of S R Jayagosh, the gunman of UAE Consulate-General Jamal Hussain Al Sabi, who had attempted suicide after central agencies intensified their probe into gold smuggling through diplomatic routes. The Customs raided the residence of Jayagosh at Vattiyorkavu and also his in-laws' house at Akkulam.

the UAE through hawala route for the gold meant for entry into India through Kerala.

Earlier, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) as well as Customs officials arrested a number of persons who travelled from different countries to the Hyderabad, smuggling gold and foreign currency but could not establish any link with the operators involved in Kerala gold smuggling case. The NIA sleuths have now kept a vigil on those who smuggled gold and those who financed the operation.

Some migrant workers are making every effort to return

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THE problem is more or less similar for another Keralite employer, Amjad Ali VA, who runs a plywood factory in Perumbavoor. "We used to run two shifts a day. Now, we are operating just one shift due to a decline in business as well as lack of labour," said Ali.

Some migrant workers are making every effort to return. One tile-mason, Ramesh, rode his motorcycle 300 km every day for 10 days from his home in Uttar Pradesh to his workplace in Tiruchy in Tamil Nadu, as there was no public transport.

Others such as Pooran Chand Yadav, 55, a supervisor for a contractor working with BPCL, had an easier time returning because they lived in green zone areas in the country.

As the southern states rely heavily on migrant workers to keep businesses running, their absence has stalled projects. Srinivas Rao, Visakhapatnam



secretary of the builders' group Credai, says around 2,000 big and small projects in the city have been affected, as nearly 70% of one lakh workers have not returned, though more than a month has passed since Un-lock 1.

Precise data is not available yet on how many migrant workers have returned to the South after the lockdown, but authorities say the bulk of the work-force is still staying away. In Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district alone, only 72,000 have returned out of 4 lakh workers who left.

The lack of labour combined with a collapse in demand due

to the lockdown has hit industrialists hard. In Coimbatore, one of India's key industrial powerhouses, up to 60% of units could not resume operations because of labour shortage. "The migrants who went to their hometowns in special trains could not return here as the inter-state transport facility is frozen due to the pandemic. We are facing a severe labour shortage," says J James, district president of Tamil Nadu Association of Cottage and Tiny Enterprises. Also, the job orders have plunged by 60%, he says.

Some migrant workers remain wary about the virus. Ajay Kumar and his family had left Vijayawada and returned to Brahmapur in Odisha during the lockdown. "My boss called me and offered to pay some extra money than what he used to pay and said he would foot my train fare and house rent here till everything normalises. So I decided to come back. But this

time I came alone as I did not want my wife and children to suffer I will bring them only when everything is back to normal and there is no threat of the virus," Kumar says.

Others are set against returning because they had a rough time during the lockdown. Nabi Ul Sheikh from Malda in West Bengal faced a torrid time in Hyderabad along with 6,000 others when the lockdown was imposed. They were restricted to a settlement, he alleges, and he and his group did not receive adequate food and accommodation. After the Shramik trains were announced, they hopped on without thinking, thanking their gods for the chance to return home.

Sheikh has now found work as a mason in his hometown and says he will now never return. "It's fine that Covid-19 happened, nobody could have done anything about it. But we did not expect this treatment from our company."

Chandan Das, a migrant worker who stayed back near his workplace the Cherlapally industries cluster in the outskirts of Hyderabad after the lockdown was imposed, says the government is not providing adequate support for workers. "We are paid ₹10,000 per month out of which ₹3,500 goes to rent. Around ₹5,000 is left for food, which is not enough to support my family of three."

In Odisha, workers have begun leaving the state to return to their former jobs. The prime destination for those migrant workers is Gujarat, particularly Surat, where lakhs of Odia workers are employed in power-looms. The absence of any quarantine stipulation in Gujarat has encouraged the workers to return, says Sushant Rout of the Prabasi Odia organisation.

In Tamil Nadu's Madurai, cases are still rising and officials say migrant workers have not yet returned to work as there is a strict lockdown.

Told them to take the patient to another hospital but they didn't listen, says doctor

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"THEY pushed him and abused him too for no fault of his. The senior doctor was so scared that he wanted to resign. We had told them to take the patient to another hospital, but they didn't listen. They even blamed us for the death of the patient, the doctor added."

Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr B R Venkatesh said the police had to be called in to bring the situation under control.

"On Wednesday, we had a meeting with the police of-



ficials and submitted a representation seeking security. They have agreed to it,"

he said.

Meanwhile, the staff demanded that the government close down emergency services at the hospital due to the huge number of patients coming in and the lack of adequate staff.

"After the incident, the medical staff didn't want to work as they were scared. But we can't give up on patients and I have had a meeting with the staff to resume work. We have already spoken to the government about the issue and are waiting for their response," Venkatesh said.

DOUBLING RATE LOWEST IN YADGIR

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"DURING the one-week lockdown in Bengaluru and some other parts of the state, we took several steps to ramp up testing, specially in containment zones. On July 21, for example, we conducted 43,904 tests. This is the main reason for the quick doubling rate. We should also keep in mind that Karnataka had very less cases compared to other states until last month, which means the base number was comparatively less for calculating doubling rate," Dr Sudhakar told *TNIE*.

Also, 18 districts have doubling rates which are worse than the state's as a whole. The shortest duration is in Chikmagalur with five days and the longest duration is Yadgir with 30 days.

Senior IAS officer Munish Moudgil, who is in charge of the state war room, said, "The number of cases are doubling as we see people stepping out without taking precautionary measures. The primary contacts of several positive patients have also been going out and not quarantining themselves."

EXPRESS READ

Woman held under Goonda Act for running flesh trade

Bengaluru: For the first time, the city police booked a woman for running prostitution rackets under the Goonda Act. Police said Swathi alias Saraswathi alias Asha (37) was earlier arrested for running such rackets through massage parlours. She has many cases registered against her. "Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao issued orders to arrest her," said Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil. **ENS**

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
KSPH & IDCL invites online tender through e-procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> for the following works.

Sl. No	Name of Works	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)	Contract Period (including Monsoon) in months	Class of Contractor	Work Indent Number
1	Providing GI Barbed wire fencing/compound wall for Police Firing Range land at Sharan Sirsagi in Kalaburgi.	37.53	6	Class-III & above	1242

The Interested Contractors / Agencies may participate in the tendering process. The details such as Tender Fee, EMD, Tender Documents etc., are available on e-Procurement Portal from **27.07.2020**. Henceforth any changes / modifications in the tender will be updated only on e-Procurement portal. "KSPH & IDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons."
Sd/- Executive Engineer - Contracts I/c

PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal only)
The tender for Pre-qualification with Joint venture for the work of "Bulk water supply Scheme to Mysore city, MUDA Area & Villages in and around Local Planning area from Cauvery River as source near Haleundavadi (Phase-I)" is invited through e-Procurement portal from eligible Agency/Contractors. The Tender Details is as shown below :-

Sl. No.	Details	Description
1	Tender Number	No. KWB/ CE(M)/ TEC/ DCE-1/ TA-2/ AE-5/ HALEUNDAVADI/ WSS/ TENDER/679/2020-21 Dated: 21.07.2020
2	Tender processing fee	As per e-procurement portal
3	Period of completion (Including monsoon)	30 months including monsoon
4	Date and time for commencement of downloading of PQ document	From 27.07.2020 after 11.00 hours
5	Last date and time for seeking clarifications of PQ application	09.09.2020 upto 17.00 hours
6	Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting	10.09.2020 at 11.00 hours
7	Last date and time for receipt of PQ application in the e-procurement portal	13.10.2020 upto 17.30 hours
8	Date & Time of Opening of PQ application	14.10.2020 after 11.00 hours

- The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Part A and Part B of PITA to qualify for pre-qualification tender.
- The details regarding participation in e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> and also from the office of the Undersigned during office hours.
- The aspiring Contractors, who have not obtained the user ID & Password for participating in e-Procurement, may now obtain the same by requesting e-Procurement Cell Centre at e-Governance Department, Room No. 141, Gate No.2, M.S Building, Bengaluru, Phone No. 91 80 2237 1090, 2237 3788 email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com
- Registration in the Board is not mandatory to apply for the above said work.
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Tamil Nadu on Wednesday reported an all-time single-day spike of 5,849 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking the infection count to 1,86,492, and 74 deaths, according to the health department bulletin.

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Tender Notice No.2/Smart City/2020-21/SCM
The Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli hereby invites Bids through both on-line and off-line from eligible bidders for the following works:

Sl. No	Name of Works	Estimate Amount in Crores	Bid Security Rs. in Lakhs	Period of Completion
1	Re-development of Anganwadi buildings Phase-II in Tirunelveli City, Municipal Corporation (4 th call)	3.67	3.67	12 months
2	Development of Smart Streets Phase II (Package IV) 1)Palitupathu main road 2)Theripathi sala street 3)Manikannanapuram street 4)Velanthangal pillayar kol street, 5)Shenbagampalli otta street 6)Kallani street and 7)Velanthangal pillayar kol cross street. (3 rd call)	10.40	10.40	6 months
3	Development of Smart Streets Phase II (Package V) 1)Manipuram street 2)A.P.Mada street 3)Vijay street 4)Veerkeralai Pandithar street and Vadampokki street. (3 rd call)	5.96	5.96	6 months
4	Improvement of Bose Market in Tirunelveli Municipal Corporation. (5 th call)	10.97	10.97	9 months
5	Development of Smart Streets-1 in Tirunelveli Corporation (in Tirunelveli Town) (1)Mela Mada veethi road (2)Therku mada veethi (3)Anna street (4)Sathya moorthy street (5)Sathya moorthy cross street (6)Thesakkulam east street (7)Annam sanna street. (6 th call)	9.40	9.40	6 months
6	Development of Smart Streets-2 in Tirunelveli Corporation (in Tirunelveli Town) (1) Kattalai Karuvannur street (2)Vayyapuri nagar west, north and east street (3)Vayyapuri nagar south street (4)Vayyapuri nagar link street-1 (5) Vayyapuri nagar link street-2 (6) Cherannabadi road Tirunelveli Town (7) Perumal kovil south street (8) Perumal Kovil south mada veethi (9) Perumal kovil sanna street. (6 th call)	12.34	12.34	6 months
7	Installation of Traffic signages with IOT at Tirunelveli Corporation Phase II	9.15	9.15	6 months
8	Development of commercial complex near Tirunelveli Junction	14.98	14.98	18 months
9	Construction of Multi level Two Wheeler parking at Tirunelveli Town Corporation Hospital Campus (Near Swami Nelaappar Temple)	5.14	5.14	9 months
10	Development of Mini Convention Hall at Palayamkottai (Manakavalam Pillar Road)	9.91	9.91	12 months
11	Development of Kids Play Zone and stadium near Bharathiyyar School	14.97	14.97	12 months
12	Development of Pedestrian pathway and Foot over bridge at SN High Road towards Swami Nelaappar Temple	14.95	14.95	9 months
13	Construction of storm water drain near junction bus stand	7.15	7.15	6 months
14	Implementation and Enhancement of SCADA System for Tirunelveli Zone - Phase I	11.77	11.77	18 months
15	Implementation and Enhancement of SCADA System for Palayamkottai Zone-Phase II	11.77	11.77	18 months

A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification criteria and the financial criteria as mentioned in the Bid document. The bidding documents will be available from **27.07.2020 to 26.08.2020**. A pre-bid meeting to be held on **13.08.2020** at 11.00 hours. Tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://tenders.gov.in>. The bidder shall upload their bids on or before **26.08.2020**. The tender will be opened on **15.30 hours** on **27.08.2020**.
Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli Corporation Office, S.N.High Road, Tirunelveli - 627001.
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
TOURISM DEPARTMENT
No. 5714 / TSM, Bhubaneswar, the 22.07.2020
TCT-TSP-EM-16-2020
RFP FOR SELECTION OF IT SOLUTION PROVIDER AGENCY FOR AUGMENTATION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WEB BASED APPLICATION FOR ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN ODISHA
R-05: The Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha is inviting techno-commercial bids from interested and eligible firms / agencies / organizations for selection of IT solution provider agency for augmentation, operation and management of web based application for online booking system of tourism & hospitality facilities and services in Odisha.
The bid should be submitted by interested parties to the Director, Tourism, Paryatan Bhawan, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar-751014 on or before **12.08.2020 upto 12 Noon**. RFP document can be downloaded from the official website of the Authority <https://dot.odishatourism.gov.in?q=tender>
Sd/- Director & Addl. Secretary to Govt.
OIPR-37001/11/0005/2021

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STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIAPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI- 600 008.
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967
Tender Notice NIT. No. 26/CW/DO/T.No.14/2020-21 Dt. 20.07.2020
CORRIGENDUM
The advertisement for Supply, installation, integration and commissioning of IP based CCTV cameras at SIPCOT Industrial Parks was published on 22.07.2020. The following amendment is hereby issued in the said advertisement.

For	Read as
For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Single Cover System" for the following from eligible bidders under "Two work from Class-I State level Civil Contractors registered in State/Central or Quasi Government Organizations having experience in similar nature of work. Parks on tender basis for a period of one year. Tenders will be received upto 21.08.2020 and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM.	For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Cover System" for Supply, installation, integration and commissioning of IP based CCTV cameras at SIPCOT Industrial Parks on tender basis for a period of one year. Tenders will be received upto 21.08.2020 and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM.

All the terms and conditions remain unaltered. The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in
DIPR/2763/TENDER/2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SIPCOT, CHENNAI-18

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari.
No.: EE/RDWS&D/B/JJM/ISA/HRD/JE/2020-21
Dated: 21-07-2020
Short Term E tender Notification (KTP Act 2000)
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari hereby calls the tender Empanelment of NGO's under Jal Jeevan Mission for preparation of VAP, IEC and HRD activities over district vide in Ballari, Hospet, Sandur, Siruguppa, Hadagali, Hagaribommanahalli, Kudligi and Harapanahalli through e-procurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) website. The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 5.30pm on 31-07-2020. For further more information contact above said Office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/63/MCA/2020-21

Govt. of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, (District Urban Development Cell), Room No: 123 Dist Administrative Buld. Gadag- 582101
Tel No: 08372-231877 (F)E-mail: ducd_gdg@yahoo.co.in
No: DUDC/DVP/BSM/CR-12/2015-16 DATED : 20-07-2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-2 & 3
The Deputy Commissioner, Gadag District Urban Development Cell Gadag District, Gadag invites tenders in two cover system using KW-4 Documents from eligible Bidder for procurement of Infrastructure development works in SWM Sites at Gadag District ULB's limit under the Swacha Bharat Mission Scheme as detailed below:-

Sl.No	Description of work
1	Infrastructure Development in Solid Waste Management Site under the Swacha Bharat Mission Scheme at NARAGUND TMC Limits (DMA/2018-19/OW/WORK_INDENT85893/CALL-3)
2	Infrastructure development in RON TMC solid waste management site under swacch bharat mission (DMA/2018-19/WS/WORK_INDENT85883 CALL-2)

Bidder can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows: (1) Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents : 21-08-2020 upto 17.30 hrs. (2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) 24-08-2020 at 11.00 hrs.
Postponement of calendar of events (if any Corrigendum/Addendums) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers. Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, DIP/Gadag/145/MCA/20-21 Gadag District, Gadag

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

CIN:L65910KL1992PLC006623
IV/470A (old) W638A(New), Manappuram House,
Valepad, Thrissur, Kerala - 680 567.

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 07/ 08/ 2020 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unclaimed items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website. The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in ₹) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

MYSORE, NANJANGUD, 110380700029244, PRAKASH, 16500/-, CHAIN 1, 110380700030701, NAGARAJU C K, 4000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0729, KUMARA, 7000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2892, GOVINDARAJU N S, 60000/-, CHAIN 1, 2917, JYOTHI, 7895/-, STUD 2, 2935, MAHESHA, 19970/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2958, SHEKARA S, 75000/-, CHAIN 1, 2973, KUMARASWAMY, 8532/-, LOCKET 1, 2987, MAHADEVASWAMY, 3900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3009, MAHADEVASWAMY T S, 22166/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3010, MAHADEVASWAMY T S, 15900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3011, MAHADEVASWAMY T S, 10900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3093, NAVEENAKUMAR M K, 8000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3114, PUTTABASAMMA, 19958/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 4, 3123, NAVEENKUMAR H P, 38230/-, CHAIN 1, 3213, PAVAN Y, 13790/-, DROPS 2, 3235, GOVINDASHETTY, 8300/-, STUD 2, 3236, JAYANNA, 21700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3241, RAVICHANDRAN R, 33774/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3242, JAGADEESH KUMAR N, 27400/-, DROPS & STUD 2, BANGALORE, NAVARANG, 117900700026187, SHIVARAJ G N, 2311/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 117900700030680, ANNAPORNESWARI C, 117321/-, DROPS & STUD 6, FINGER RINGS 2, NECKLACE 1, 0681, SUNITHA C, 78300/-, CHAIN 1, 0702, SANDEEP SHETTY, 113000/-, BANGLE 1, FINGER RINGS 2, NECKLACE 1, STUD 2, 0709, JAYACHANDRA M, 49900/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0731, MANJUNATH S P, 12700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0732, MANJUNATH S P, 19300/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0733, MANJUNATH S P, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0760, DEEPAK L, 220450/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, NECKLACE 1, 0776, NAGESHA, 30868/-, CHAIN 1, 0777, NAGESHA, 43000/-, BANGLE 1, 0778, NAGESHA, 136000/-, BANGLE 2, NECKLACE 1, 0810, PADMAVATHI, 114000/-, DROPS & STUD 8, FINGER RINGS 3, 0812, CHANDRA MOHAN G, 52150/-, BRACELET 1, 0827, HARSHA SANDIGOD, 18012/-, DROPS & STUD 2, MATTI 2, 0838, AISHWARYA R, 79007/-, CHAIN 1, 0852, M IMRAN KHAN, 29000/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 0886, VEDAMURTHY B C, 34000/-, CHAIN 1, 0888, KIRAN KUMAR KARAJGI, 6000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0889, KIRAN KUMAR KARAJGI, 13424/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0893, SRINIVASA RAO PAWAR, 137033/-, BANGLE 1, CHAIN 1, 0921, MANJUNATHA, 34000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0973, AROKIA ABHISHEK A, 8453/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0983, SARASWATHAMMA, 29188/-, DROPS & STUD 2, ELAS 1, 117900730012048, VISHWANATH G M, 62353/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 13, 2136, MAGESH G, 25444/-, CHAIN 1, 2294, VIJAYAKRISHNA H J, 125003/-, BANGLE 2, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 1, HASSAN, NEHRU NAGAR, BELUR, 132770700011327, YASHWANTH B M, 1994/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1755, BAIRESH, 6400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1784, KUMAR R, 4500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2522, ANANDA, 13500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2525, MINAKSHI, 21418/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2526, MINAKSHI, 26020/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2531, TAJMUL PASHA, 42700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, STUD 2, 2560, M KARTHIK, 9000/-, STUD 2, 2575, DHARMESHA, 10000/-, STUD 2, 2592, CHIDANANDA S V, 141100/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 2593, CHIDANANDA S V, 29800/-, BABY BANGLES 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 2607, KIRAN C C, 25500/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 2623, GIRISH H T, 6900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2664, MUJAHID PASHA, 6500/-, STUD 2, 2671, MURUGESH, 7509/-, DROPS 2, 2683, POORNESHA, 8500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, MATTI 2, 2684, HEMARAJU, 10187/-, CHAIN 1, 2692, ANANTHA RAJ S K, 4000/-, STUD 2, 2699, LOKESHA JOGI B G, 35000/-, NECKLACE 1, 2724, POORNESHA, 6500/-, FINGER RINGS 2, BANGALORE, NELAGADARANAHALLI, 120120700061080, MADHU K B, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1823, KESHAVA BM, 29970/-, NECKLACE 1, 2949, SADDAM HUSEN, 11000/-, DROPS 2, 3163, THIMMARAJU, 60000/-, BRACELET 1, 3853, SIDDARAJU, 10680/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 3885, MANJULA R, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 3923, RAMESH N, 35360/-, NECKLACE 1, 3944, GOPAL, 5990/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 3, 4563, PALAKSHA, 96999/-, CHAIN 1, 4565, SHASHIKUMAR K S, 9996/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6374, T N SRINIVASA, 8100/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6387, MOHAN LAL, 12800/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 6424, PUTTAMMA, 54996/-, CHAIN 1, 6505, KUMAR, Y, 65997/-, CHAIN 1, 6565, RAVI KUMAR V, 57259/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 6580, MUDUPANNA, 19000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6588, PRADEEP KUMAR B S, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 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CHAIN 1, 3906, SHIVAPUTRAYYA, 12500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3923, ANJANAMURTHY S, 12000/-, STUD 2, 3926, H S LAKSHMAMMA, 35000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 3951, MANJUNATHA, 6780/-, STUD 2, 4023, NAGESH H, 36000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 4031, DURUGAMMA, 6500/-, STUD 2, 109530730005780, NAGANANDAB K, 39779/-, BRACELET 1, NELAMANGALAPC EXTENSION, 120450700023014, PRAKASH, 15072/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3166, NAGARAJU, 8000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3739, KIRAN G, 40298/-, CHAIN 1, 4052, YOGESH P, 6200/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4112, VENKATESH M R, 39000/-, NECKLACE 1, 4171, KONDAPPA GAARI GOVINDARAJU, 13000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4310, GOPALAKRISHNA P, 4635/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4336, MUNIKUMAR, 18000/-, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 4980, RAGHUKUMAR TR, 94000/-, NECKLACE 2, 4982, NAVEEN PRASAD T B, 6700/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5009, BALAANBU MURALI, 16000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5015, RATHANAMMA, 59000/-, CHAIN 1, 5043, RENUKAPPA, 29200/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 5066, RAGHUKUMAR TR, 33000/-, CHAIN 1, 5080, SHRUTHI, 44592/-, CHAIN 1, 5082, SHIVAKUMAR K S, 16277/-, CHAIN 1, 5090, MARIYAMMA CM, 57709/-, NECKLACE 2, 5150, GEETHA, 13500/-, MATTI 2, 5159, TIMMAKA, 22500/-, CHAIN 1, 5165, GEETHARANI T, 7500/-, STUD 2, 5173, MANOJ YADAV M, 14800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5179, RAVIKUMAR A, 4500/-, STUD 2, 5182, CHANDRASHEKAR K, 88000/-, CHAIN 1, 5202, GEETHA, 6400/-, STUD 2, 5218, CHANNAKESHAHVAR, 11000/-, MATTI 2, 5244, NEELAPPA M, 99999/-, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 1, DROPS 2, 5253, MANJUNATHA S N, 8300/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5261, ASHAN, 30000/-, STUD 2, 5285, SYED ABDUHAIH, 45272/-, CHAIN 1, 5310, MUNIRAJU G, 144000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 5333, CHANDRIKAM S, 232760/-, BRACELET 2, 5335, ARUN KUMAR R, 17500/-, CHAIN 1, 120450730005731, RATHNARAM, 22076/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 7707, KIRAN G, 27326/-, STUD 2, 8392, BALAANBU MURALI, 6000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8393, BALAANBU MURALI, 6500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8454, NAVEEN KUMAR H L, 16898/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8579, GEETHA, 166008/-, CHAIN 3, DROPS & STUD 6, 8603, RAMPRASAD G, 16213/-, MATTI 2, 8604, 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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 07/08/2020 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website. The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in ₹) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

CHAMRAJANAGAR, S M ROAD CHAMRAJANAGAR, 109260700049067, RAJENDRA SWAMY N, 13600/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9115, MAHESH KUMAR, 10296/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9149, LINGANNA, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9225, RAJENDRA K, 6500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9397, JUNAID, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 109260700050254, SHIVASADASHETTY, 29997/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, LOCKET 2, 0493, MAHESHA B M, 11700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, HASSAN, SAKALESHPURA, 11543000030309, RAVI K B, 4398/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 9094, VENKATESH, 5000/-, STUD 2, 9154, MAHESH H N, 6000/-, STUD 2, 9267, ARUN KUMAR, 5000/-, STUD 2, 11543000040716, SUKANYA, 9688/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1713, MANJU, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1838, SAMEER D M, 20000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2059, ARJUN K, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3553, MANJU BANKAR, 4000/-, STUD 2, 3573, KOWSHALYA, 14200/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3819, ZEENATH, 21995/-, CHAIN 1, 4010, HARISHAY K, 19500/-, CHAIN 1, 1154300730015632, K T HEMANTH, 5217/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6337, MARY SHWETHA, 5992/-, LOCKET 1, SALGAME ROAD HASSAN, 111290700037119, SAMIULLA M, 6439/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9316, SHAMSHEER AHAMAD, 4994/-, STUD 2, 9347, MANJUNATHA K S, 6000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9454, AVINASH M, 26000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 111290700040423, HARISHA, 18200/-, CHAIN 1, 0663, RAVI, 6500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0677, HARISH, 5300/-, STUD 2, 0704, ROHIN VENKATESH, 20000/-, CHAIN 1, 0785, ROHIN VENKATESH, 6300/-, STUD 2, 0839, RANJITHA, 60000/-, CHAIN 1, 1764, MANJUNATHA, 15000/-, CHAIN 1, 1915, GUNDEGOWD, 12, 12000/-, STUD 4, 2040, H R PUTTANNA, 72000/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 2044, RASHMI H R, 60000/-, BRACELET 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 2052, VIJAYA ARANGANAYAKA G S, 41900/-, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 1, 2062, SHWETHA H R, 6700/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 2088, SIDDAMALLA, 10000/-, STUD 2, 2220, MOHAN K, 19500/-, CHAIN 1, 2234, SHAKIL, 6370/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2263, MANU V G, 44000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 111290730004464, RAMACHANDRA H N, 5993/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6664, KIRAN H K, 40933/-, CHAIN 1, MYSORE, SALIGRAMA MYSORE, 133290700017073, ABHILASHA D, 55000/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 7158, YOGESHA, 3988/-, DROPS 2, 7311, MANJUNATHA B K, 3500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7901, VINAYAKUMAR, 7998/-, MATTI 2, 8017, MOHANA G D, 29000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8025, VENKATESHA, 10280/-, CHAIN 1, 8099, JAGADISH, 6851/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8102, MOHAN B J, 81000/-, CHAIN 1, 8106, PRAKASHA, 5360/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8159, RAGHAVEDRA, 10399/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8168, MOHAN B J, 78000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 8176, KANTHAMMA, 50000/-, CHAIN 1, MATTI 2, 8196, MOHAN B J, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8197, PUNEETH, 8565/-, STUD 1, 133290730004338, SADASHIVA, 12790/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4369, RANJITHA S L, 4139/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4366, RANJITHA S L, 13812/-, MATTI 2, 4396, MAHADEVA M E, 5221/-, LOCKET 1, BANGALORE, SANJIVINI NAGAR, 116070700028619, MANJUNATHA N, 13192/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 116070700031264, SHALINI B S, 16731/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1698, GURUPRASAD B, 22000/-, CHAIN 1, 1714, VIJAYAKUMAR M, 13022/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1781, SYED AHMED, 12000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1844, RAJAMMA, 7000/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 2, STUD 2, 1897, MURALIDHAR H, 54000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, NECKLACE 1, 2153, SHAKUNTALA, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2166, RAGHU, 9500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2965, MURTHY P, 18000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, MATTI 2, 3001, RAJAMMA, 33000/-, BANGLE 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 3002, RAJAMMA, 10200/-, STUD 2, 3032, UMESH V, 14000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3085, PRAVEEN KUMAR N, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3088, PARTHIBAN D, 9500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3104, NAGESHWAR RAO, 13900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3133, CHANDRASEKAR B R, 4126/-, STUD 2, 3162, SURESH N, 24000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3167, PRAVEEN KUMAR N, 16700/-, CHAIN 1, 3180, DILIP KUMAR R, 22050/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3183, NAGESHWAR RAO, 29000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3222, BERNDET MARIA REINI, 32000/-, BANGLE 1, 3236, PRAKASH, 45000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3266, RANANDA, 127127/-, NECKLACE 1, 3284, SUMITHRA UN, 137000/-, CHAIN 1, 3295, UMESHA V M, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3323, MANJUNATH, 26000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3335, ASHOK P, 13000/-, CHAIN 1, 3350, PRAKRUTHI MR, 5500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3355, SHANKAR G M, 16883/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3360, ABHISHEK, 26000/-, CHAIN 1, 3367, SHESHADRI N, 29800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 116070730021180, SHARATH S, 20984/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2181, SHARATH S, 98878/-, BRACELET 1, NECKLACE 1, 2182, SHARATH S, 11923/-, FINGER RINGS 1, MYSORE, SARASWTHI PURAM MYSORE, 109380700025275, CHANDRABHOJA, JOSHI K, 7400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5376, REKHA, 7515/-, STUD 2, 5939, NAYAN KUMAR M A, 170170/-, CHAIN 1, 109380730006654, SUDHAKAR, 105099/-, BRACELET 1, 6727, SHIVARAJU G, 6570/-, STUD 2, 6799, PRADEEP KUMAR C, 28200/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE, SARAJAPURA BANGLORE, 118050700013492, MEHAOBOO JAN, 9391/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3592, ANANTH KUMAR, 29590/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3598, NAGARAJU M A, 9972/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3813, JAGADISH KUMAR R, 8000/-, STUD 2, 4313, MEHAOBOO JAN, 7968/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4316, SHARADA, 28700/-, STUD 4, 4363, KALATI REDDEPPA REDDY, 13000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 4423, KRISHNAPPA M, 30000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4441, SANTHOSH, 7700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4488, ARUN KUMAR, 84000/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 2, STUD 2, 6, 118050730004085, THIPPESWAMY M, 9989/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4430, RAVINDA M B, 33430/-, BANGLE 1, 4516, MANJUNATH C R, 218520/-, CHAIN 1, SEPPINGS, 110180700020731, ALLEM PASHA, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0772, HASEENA TAJ, 18000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, MATTI 1, 0783, AMARNATH, 31500/-, BANGLE 1, 0793, ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA, 162500/-, NECKLACE 1, 0795, ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA, 80000/-, BANGLE 2, 0796, ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA, 32000/-, CHAIN 1, 0796, ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA, 18000/-, EAR RINGS 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 0801, RESHMA, 49980/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 5, FINGER RINGS 1, 0845, AJMAL KHAN, 79003/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 0847, ARUN, 25000/-, CHAIN 1, 0870, KAMAL, 297000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 2, 0871, KAMAL, 73000/-, BANGLE 3, 0872, ABDUL RAFFEEQ P K, 28000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0914, KAREEMUNNISA, 40000/-, BANGLE 1, 0917, NISAR AHMED, 38500/-, CHAIN 2, 110180730004171, RIZWAN KHAN, 23940/-, FINGER RINGS 2, MATTI 2, 4279, ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA, 10208/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 3, SHANKAR MATA MAIN ROAD, 108710700041748, DINAKARA, 8000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5462, PADMAVATHI, 17000/-, STUD 2, 5503, VEENI J, 27706/-, CHAIN 1, 5521, VALLI BASHA, 137

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I. KULWANT SINGH PHOUR,
S/o Shri (Late) Radha Kishan, R/o
Flat #304, SLV Defence Lavender,
12th Main Road, Kogilu, Yelahanka,
Bangalore 560064 have changed
my name from **KULWANT SINGH
PHOUR** to **KULWANT SINGH
PHOUR** vide affidavit no.
IN-KA61441509978194S
dated 21st Jul 2020 at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANTHONY ANBU CLEMENT ANBU** ,
R/o No.147, 8th main, 5th cross, 3rd
stage, Pillanna Garden, Bengaluru -
560045, have changed my name from
ANTHONY ANBU CLEMENT ANBU to
ANTHONY CLEMENT ANBU , vide
affidavit dated 22-07-2020, sworn before
notary Smt. Rajamani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RUBY PORINCHU**, wife of late 246219 Ex. SGT K M PORINCHU, resident of Ad 149, 13th B main, Gokula 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Bangalore North MSRTI Bangalore, Karnataka 560054 have changed my name from **RUBY PORINCHU** to **ROOBI V I** [proposed new name as per Bank account, AADHAAR and all other documents etc for future reference, vide affidavit dated 24th January 2020, sworn before Notary **S. I. Balaguru** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHIVARAJ S.**, S/o Siddaiah, age 27 years, R/at No. 255, 4th Main, Kempegowda Layout, Laggere, Near SVS Public School, Bengaluru-58 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVARAJ S.** to **SHIVARAJIAH S.**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **SHIVARAJIAH S.** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 22.07.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAPAKA LAVANYA, Wife of
Army No. 8037360L, HAV/CLK/RS
NARAYANA RAO R, Presently
working at Pioneer Crops Training
Centre, Adam Coy, Agram Post,
Bengaluru-560007, Karnataka, shall
henceforth be known as **KARRA**
LAVANYA vide affidavit dated
27.07.2020, before notary N I
LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

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I, (OLD NAME) PRIYANKA
Residing at No. 15/2-8, Muttur
Stall Cross Road, Mavalli, V V
Puram, Bangalore-560004
have changed my name to
(NEW NAME) PRIYANKA
CHAMPALAL JAIN vide
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— Ramnath Goenka

ENTREPRENEURSHIP LESSONS FROM COVID TIMES

Among the early first quarter results of some FMCG companies that have tested the waters during the pandemic, those of Hindustan Unilever (HUL) and Britannia Industries have interesting takeaways. While most companies reported huge losses and hardly any revenue during the April-June quarter, HUL reported a year-on-year 7.18% rise in net profit at ₹1,881 crore. Despite the worst ever fall in consumer spending due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the company managed to declare a special interim dividend of ₹9.50 a share for the current financial year. Similarly, Britannia Industries, selling biscuits and cakes, managed to more than double net profit to ₹545 crore for the quarter, as compared to ₹251 crore in the previous year's quarter. Both companies surprised and beat analyst projections.

Hindustan Unilever had recently acquired the big-selling brand Horlicks. And the company conceded its revenue would have declined 7% instead of showing an increase of 4% had it not been for Horlicks. The strategy of focusing on its 'essential' mass brands, like the widely-used Lifebuoy soap, helped it manage a 6% growth for 80% of the business. It was the same story for Britannia. Best-selling MarieGold and Good Day biscuits saw a spike in demand as locked-down families and migrants struggled to sustain themselves during the period of heavy shortages in April and May.

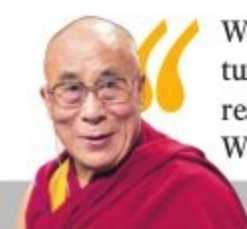
The business lesson is there for those who want to learn: first, even as factories, depots, transport and vendors were in complete disarray, these companies stayed focused and worked their strategy around the sustained demand for mass consumption food and FMCG products that people seek out during shortages. Ironically, the millions of migrants who made their way back home from the cities, on foot and erratic transport services, walked on the sustenance of biscuits and breads manufactured by these firms. Second, these companies understood that while the cities were in lockdown, the rural economy continued to be relatively active with robust consumer demand. In many segments, Britannia and HUL have shown better sales in rural markets. Pandemic or not, the spirit of entrepreneurship finds a way forward.

EXPEDITE SKILL MAPPING OF MIGRANTS

The coronavirus crisis has shown no signs of abating yet. Odisha, in fact, is waiting for the infection to peak. On Wednesday, the state reported 1,078 cases, its highest single-day spike. In the midst of this, there is news coming in that workers who had returned home after the imposition of the lockdown have begun their outward migration. Boarding buses, the workers—engaged in power looms of Gujarat and the garment factories of Tamil Nadu—are looking to resume their lives and livelihood. Agents hired by the owners of factories and mills are camping in the rural pockets to lure them back to work. All this is happening when many districts are enforcing fresh lockdowns to contain the virus surge. Between June 1 and today, the state has seen over 17,000 Covid cases and much of it started after the migrant workers returned.

According to a government estimate, at least 8.5 lakh workers made the journey home after the national lockdown was imposed. It presented the state government a tall challenge as well as an opportunity. The challenge was to quarantine the large number of workers coming in and keep them gainfully engaged after their mandatory quarantine. That has been dealt with and the Odisha government must now seize the unique chance to get them on a database where their skillset is mapped and recorded. The state administration had announced skill mapping of all the workers when the return migration happened and the time to implement the programme is now. It would not only give the government a comprehensive database on migration, but also help it unlock all the socio-economic dimensions that have hitherto been absent, making policy planning difficult.

Large-scale seasonal migration has always been a sensitive issue for Odisha, with reports of exploitation of workers employed away from home in brick kilns, looms and factories an annual affair. The current situation offers it a chance to link all the migrant workers on a common platform and reach out to them in the event of any crisis in the future. The government must not let go of this opportunity.



We all want to live a life free from turmoil, but we need to have a realistic method to achieve our goal. Warm-heartedness is essential

Dalai Lama

The decentralisation in the state has survived four regime changes while remaining essentially intact. This fact alone sets the Kerala experience apart

CELEBRATING 24 YEARS OF PEOPLE'S PLAN IN KERALA

T M THOMAS ISAAC



Finance Minister of Kerala

Twenty four years ago, the Left government in Kerala took a "big-bang" decision. It decided to devote 35-40% of the state plan, mostly as untied funds, to local governments (LGs). It was evident to everyone that LGs lacked the capacity to plan and spend such a large fund. Plunge into the waters and then learn to swim was the spirit. So, on 17 August 1996, the Malayalam New Year day, People's Plan Campaign (PPC) was launched to empower LGs by rallying volunteers, experts, officials and people at large. After one year of six rounds of a cascading training programme, which at one time involved one lakh people, local plans emerged through a bottom-up process. Since then, year after year, every LG in Kerala has been preparing its local plans and implementing them.

The decentralisation in Kerala has survived four regime changes while remaining essentially intact. In the international decentralisation literature, this fact alone sets the Kerala experience apart. The PPC had created an environment that made it politically inexpedient to undermine decentralisation. As for the three great Fs of decentralisation—devolution of funds, functions and functionaries—Kerala has not slid back. In the Budget of 2020-21, the share of untied funds is 25.9% of

the outlay. The total devolution would be more than ₹20,000 crore—nearly 20% of the government's total revenue.

Now, it's time to look back and make a frank assessment of the achievements of this experiment.

Health: The famed public health system in Kerala was in serious crisis by the 1990s, confronted with increasing demand for healthcare arising from a change in the epidemiological regime and decline in public health expenditure. When the government cut back investments in health, the private sector stepped in to meet the demand-supply gap. The percentage of people using government facilities declined to 34% in the 71st round of NSSO (2014). The consequence was an escalation of health costs, marginalisation of the poor and inequities in infrastructure, utilisation and outcomes. The increase in infant mortality rate from 12 per thousand live births in 1997 to 15 in 2006 was a big embarrassment. But the decentralisation was slowly preparing the ground for a turnaround. The percentage of people using government facilities increased to 48% in the 75th round of NSSO in 2017-18. The IMR declined to single digits, 7, lower than the UN target of 8 for 2020 and far ahead of the national average of 32. Immunisation rates rose to nearly 100% for many diseases.

Education: Free and universal school education through the public education system (government schools and private aided schools) slipped behind the popular aspiration levels as per capita incomes improved. As a result, the middle class increasingly began to shift towards unaided private schools, whose strength increased from 1.5 lakh students in 1991 to a peak of 4.1 lakh in 2016-17. The trend has been reversed now with more than 5 lakh students of Classes 2 to 10 migrating back from the unaided sector in the last three years. Kerala has emerged first among 20 large states with a score of 76.6 out of 100 in the School Education Quality Index-2019.



Kerala's achievements in decentralisation, however fragile and incomplete, provide a sense of what is possible. It was a sad day when it was the only state in India that celebrated the 25th anniversary of the passage of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments... It is heartening to hear the honourable prime minister going "Vocal for Local". But what is "Local" without a Local Government?

Local Roads: The total road length under the LGs more than doubled from 1,15,306 km in 1995-96 to 2,31,676 km in 2018-19. There has also been the visible improvement in the condition of town and country roads. The roads have become more evenly distributed across districts and regions.

Housing: One Lakh Housing Scheme in the early 1970s, for providing houses to the beneficiaries of land reforms, is still etched in the memories of Keralites. But the PPC surprised everyone by constructing 5.7 lakh houses. By the end of the 13th five-year plan in 2022-23, our estimate is that the LGs would have constructed more than 20 lakh houses, which would take Kerala to a near-universal housing status. All the houses in Kerala have been electrified and have toilets.

Kudumbasree: One of the most celebrated outcomes of democratic decentralisation has been the emergence and growth of Kudumbasree Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs). They are basically a micro-finance network linked to LGs. They also function as a platform for convergence of anti-poverty programmes, agency for women empowerment and basic community organisation. At present there are 2.77 lakh NHGs with membership of 43 lakh households, each represented by a woman.

member. They have become the most accessible source of micro credit with a fund base of more than ₹11,000 crore.

Poverty Alleviation: On the eve of PPC in 1993-94, the poverty ratio was 25.76% and 24.59% in rural and urban areas respectively. Though not strictly comparable to the earlier series according to the Rangarajan Committee Report on Poverty Estimation, in 2011-12, the poverty ratio in Kerala had declined to 7.3% and 5.3% respectively.

The performance of LGs has been largely lacklustre on the production front. There are also miles to go in overcoming challenges like participatory fatigue, inadequate integration of plans, nagging corruption, weakness of tribal sub-plans and so on. Kerala's achievements in decentralisation, however fragile and incomplete, provide a sense of what is possible.

It was a sad day when Kerala was the only state in India that celebrated the 25th anniversary of the passage of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments. Maybe the pandemic provides us another opportunity to rethink our approach to decentralisation in the country. It is heartening to hear the honourable prime minister going "Vocal for Local". But what is "Local" without a Local Government? (drthomasisaac@gmail.com)

CAN THE STATE ASSUME THE RIGHT TO KILL?

JAWHAR SIRCAR



Retired civil servant. Former Culture Secretary and ex-CEO, Prasara Bharati

No, we will not discuss Vikas Dubey. But we need to revisit occasionally that very shadowy zone where the state assumes the power to liquidate certain citizens. We know that this is one of the three unique traits that distinguish the state from all other organisations, including those more prosperous or powerful. These are the legitimate right to impose taxes (everyone else 'charges' people); the inherent right to requisition men, materials, places and buildings (as during elections or wars); and the third is its basic right to kill. It thus declares all other killings are homicides and prosecutes the perpetrators, leading occasionally to capital punishment, after due trial and the process of law. Besides, this most critical authority of the state is meant for foreign attacks and extended to internal rebellion and 'liquidation', in the name of tackling the "war against the Union of India".

But neither the judiciary nor the rational section of the people can ever agree with the claim that encounter killings are just a further

extension of this dreadful syndrome. At this point, let us recall the first 'mainstreaming' of large-scale liquidation that was carried out in 1971-72 against the original Naxalites of Bengal. The Naxalites were in the throes of their class war and had appropriated to themselves the right to kill at will. The gory headlines and the hit-and-run killings of hapless police constables and other perceived class enemies by 'action squads' had converted life in Kolkata to brutal, bloody and short. The major strike-back was 'Operation Steeplechase' in mid-1971 when the police and armed forces unleashed reprisals on an unprecedented scale, methodically and remorselessly, without any due process of law. Those like us who lived through that terrifying period know how young men were tied to lampposts and shot point blank. Later, as an administrator, one was proudly shown exhibits of the very successful operation against urban guerrillas at the Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School. It was entitled 'Calcutta 1971' which was, quite eerily, the same name

that Mrinal Sen had chosen for his very disturbing film on police brutality in contemporary Kolkata. Hazar Chaurarsi's mother can suffer endlessly but the state had "gotten over its problem" and re-established its authority.

The same fate awaited those who had almost hacked Punjab from the Union of India in the 1980s and 1990s, amidst unspeakable atrocities and horror. It was only after pro-Khalistan terrorists had literally slaughtered several hundred innocent citizens, mainly in Punjab and Delhi, that the state hit back—with unconcealed vengeance. Indira Gandhi paid with her life for having stormed the Golden Temple and stepping up action to liquidate terrorists, but terrorism lingered on. In August 1995, Punjab CM Beant Singh and 17 others were blown off by a Khalistani suicide bomber. The point is, unlike Bengal where a painful surgery worked, Punjab's

ulcer bled for a dozen years more. But then, the state clawed its way back and seized Punjab—again, at a huge human cost. It is not that this is restricted to India. It is a recurring feature of the entire Third World and the inhuman brutalities wreaked in Bosnia and its neighbours prove that Europe is not immune. This month itself, Human Rights Watch has reported that more than 180 male corpses have been found in Djiibo, a town in the north of Burkina Faso, obviously resulting from 'extra-judicial killings'.

To understand the heartless institution called the state, we may look back at the most powerful theorist in this domain, Thomas Hobbes. This 17th century English philosopher was obsessed with rescuing humanity from terrifying chaos, lawlessness and endless strife in "the state of nature". He viewed the state as an authoritarian Leviathan created by its citizens, surrendering a part of their liberties to strengthen it—to rule over them. The other great philosopher, John Locke, was less paranoid and spoke more of human rights, but the state that he advocated had freedom in "the mutual preservation of their lives, liberties and ... property". The third theorist, Rousseau, was clear that the state emerges from a "social contract" with citizens but his state

could go to more extremes to ensure that the "general will of the people" prevailed over dissidents.

But these propositions are quite old and constitutional democracy has evolved much since then, through battles, revolutions and world wars. Vigilance over the modern state has sharpened and the 'hue and cry' factor cannot be ignored. In 1919, Jallianwala Bagh hardly stirred the world but 70 years later, the Tiananmen Square massacre drew universal condemnation. Yet, when Daya Nayak eliminated 83 "notorious gangsters in Mumbai through his encounter killings", he became the stuff of legend. A rotten, failed judicial system is largely factual, but as long as public support exists for such 'encounters', they are difficult to stop. They satisfy innate desires for reprisals and bottled-up bloodthirstiness that lie deep within society.

These are, however, only attempted explanations and civilised society can never accept them as justifications. History has proved, time and again, that a murderous state soon turns upon the citizenry it is duty bound to protect. The genetic propensity of the state to assume an acquired right to kill has to be shackled—or else we will all be locked in a cage with a Godzilla gone berserk.

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Vaccine trials bring hope

At last, there is a ray of hope breaking out of the dark clouds of the virus with the success of Oxford University's vaccine so far. The Serum Institute of India is also planning to start human trials in August. The Institute has promised to keep the price under ₹1,000 per dose, which has quelled the fear of affordability from the minds of the common man. It is heartening to know that many are working hard to make the vaccine available to the public.
P K Jayanandan, Kozhikode

Successful so far

It is a matter of great relief to everyone that research for a coronavirus vaccine by Oxford University has been successful so far. Its Phase 3 trials will be held in India. We can only hope these are successful.
Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

Containing annual floods

This is with reference to *Tackling the annual havoc due to floods* (July 22). The editorial has fittingly pointed out how the visual media is glued to reel world affairs and political sensationalism. Floods can be perennial, but the suffering of people should not. Steps should be taken by roping in China and Nepal to contain this annual flooding.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Living with the virus

The Karnataka CM's decision of no more lockdowns in the state is quite rational. Four months of lockdown are more than enough time for people to understand the causes of the virus spread and their role in containing it. It is now time for people to take care of themselves through basic precautions.
B Kailash Shankar, T'puram

Going back to gurukuls

This is with reference to *Ensuring education for migrant children* (July 22). The pandemic has turned education topsy-turvy. Innovations like online education can be afforded only by a few. In the present scenario, why not return to the traditional gurukul system? It is not facility-heavy and is ideal, especially in the hinterlands and among the migrant population.
Dr George Jacob, Kothi

Continue edu from home

In my opinion, we are not yet ready to fully reopen schools in the country. Until a vaccine is made available, students of upto Class eight should be confined to education from home. The issue of lack of facilities faced by the poor should be addressed on a priority basis.
P Mangalachandran, Kannur

A risky but wise decision

The whole nation welcomed the lockdown that was imposed on us with the sole intention of saving people and protecting the nation from the virus. There was no time to evaluate whether it was the best solution or not. The Centre made a risky but wise decision. The Congress listing the BJP's achievements in a negative sense shows its immaturity.
NY Acharya, Udipi

Rahul should introspect

Instead of taunting the PM over every step, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi should introspect on his own performance as party head and now MP. He is prompt in attacking the Centre, but is not offering any solutions. As an opposition leader, one must give constructive criticism; only finding fault is uncalled for.
Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Why is court taking time?

The political crisis in Rajasthan is taking a curious turn with the High Court postponing its verdict till Friday. This could give the dissidents more time to shore up their numbers in their fight against CM Ashok Gehlot. It is anybody's guess as to what is in store for the rival factions, but one wonders why the court is taking its time to take a decision in such a high-profile case.
V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Brakes applied

The Rajasthan High Court applied the brakes on the CM's hurry to declare his deputy Sachin Pilot and the other MLAs as disqualified. Meanwhile, Gehlot's cascade of vicious comments against Pilot is reported to have earned the CM the disapproval of even his partymen.
KV Raghuram, Wayanad



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
Jungle raj has increased so much in UP that after complaining, the common man is afraid of miscreants. The UP govt has failed to curb crimes.



Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
Vikram Joshi is dead.. The state must not just guarantee protection to his family but provide lifetime compensation.



Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Congratulations to our nuclear scientists for achieving criticality of the indigenous 700 MWe Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant-3.

Rajasthan political battle reaches SC

Speaker's plea says HC can't direct him on disqualification of dissident MLAs

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ALL eyes will be on the Supreme Court on Thursday as it will hear Rajasthan assembly Speaker CP Joshi's plea challenging the High Court order directing him to defer action against Sachin Pilot and other dissident Congress MLAs to avert a constitutional crisis.

The Speaker filed a Special Leave Petition, which said: "The High Court order is a direct intrusion into the exclusive domain of the Speaker."

In counter-attack, the Pilot camp filed a caveat in the top court urging it not to give any order on the Speaker's petition without hearing their side.

The High Court had asked the Speaker not to take any action till Friday on the disqualification notices issued to the 19 MLAs led by Pilot.

Addressing the media in Jaipur before filing his petition, Joshi asserted that only the Speaker had the power to disqualify MLAs. He said there were several Supreme Court verdicts which clarify that the judiciary cannot interfere before the Speaker delivers a ruling. "I don't want a confrontation. I respect the judges... but the

roles are well defined," Joshi said. Terming the rebels' petition as a dangerous precedent that could lead to breakdown of constitutional norms, Joshi warned that they were "heading for a constitutional crisis".

According to Congress sources, the decision to move Supreme Court was taken as the party felt the HC was unnecessarily delaying the verdict and could favour the other side. "The Rajasthan High Court has asked the Speaker not to take any action against rebel MLAs till Friday and a review petition can only be filed in the matter on Monday, if a verdict comes in favour of rebel MLAs," a source said. The party feels it is just a delay tactics as CM Gehlot wants to immediately call the assembly session.



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CP Joshi, Rajasthan assembly Speaker

Amid the heightened political uncertainty, Sachin Pilot and his MLAs continue to remain "missing". Pilot has served a legal notice on Congress MLA Giriraj Singh Malinga, who had alleged that Pilot had offered him huge money to join the BJP, asking for a token compensation of one rupee and an apology for his "malicious" remarks within a week or face criminal case of defamation.



Rajasthan Assembly Speaker C P Joshi addresses the media in Jaipur | PTI

GEHLOT WRITES TO PM, NAMES SHEKHAWAT

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN CM Ashok Gehlot has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging that attempts are being made to topple his government through horse trading.

"This is gross violation of people's mandate and constitutional values and Karnataka and MP are its examples," his letter says.

Naming the leaders who he alleged were involved in trying to dislodge his government, Gehlot wrote: "At a time of Covid-19 when saving lives is the utmost priority, attempts are being made to topple the state government where Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, BJP leaders and some highly ambitious leaders of our own party are involved. One of them is a senior MLA like Bhanwarlal Sharma who was involved in the bid to topple the Bhairon Singh government in the past." He wrote to the PM that similar charges were faced by his party, the BJP, earlier too when the government in MP was toppled.

Gehlot wrote that "history will never forgive those" indulging in such deeds. The CM said he had full faith that his government will complete its tenure.

'India can catalyse group of nations against China'

THE Nehruvian policy of non-alignment was drawn up in an era which was very different from today and Indian foreign policy should evolve according to the present day circumstances, said Congress MP Shashi Tharoor. Participating in a conversation with Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express, and author and senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter. He said Nehru himself would not follow the rules he drew up in an era which was very different from today. Excerpts:

With regard to the standoff with China, do you think it is a moment in history where India can look at adversity as an opportunity. The border issue is a major setback for India. We were caught napping by the Chinese adventure in the Galwan Valley and across the LAC. There was clearly an intelligence failure.

The Chinese are indulging in a much bigger game than we in India have woken up to. They seem to be thinking long term. The idea seems to be each time there is a flash point, India will try diplomacy and at the end of the disengagement, China is in a better position than before. Before we ask whether it is an opportunity, let us face the fact that it has been a very serious setback. There is a theoretical opportunity but the building blocks of that opportunity have not been put in place.

The Nehruvian model of non-alignment seems to be dead. Do you think it is strategically desirable for us to join an alliance against China? I am not pushing for an alliance. I am raising the question. We can create an environment of relationships and a network of partnerships by which we can do something about China. But it can't be the containment game that the US would like us



to play. We should think about a policy of constraining China.

Do you think the Nehruvian model is obsolete and it has to be relooked? I think Nehru himself would not follow the rules he drew upon in an era which was very

different from today. So, clearly Indian foreign policy has to evolve. The Chinese are rising as a superpower and they are going to overtake the US well before the midpoint of the century. The template of the Nehruvian era won't apply here. China is an expansionist power, though they pretend otherwise. China really like to stretch their elbows at the expense of others. They see themselves as the centre of the whole world. Their ideology is hostile to us. There is something about the way Chinese civilisation is manifesting itself today, ideologically, geopolitical and militarily, which will bring clash with others. This opportunity should be taken as an opportunity by India to lead or catalyse a group of countries that could form a partnership to constrain China. For example, with countries like Australia, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore and South Korea. We can leverage our

strengths to limit how much damage they can do to the rest of the world.

The difference between the Modi government and the previous government with regard to the relationship with China?

The restrictions on Chinese investments in power, port and telecom sectors were lifted by the Modi government. Tomorrow, we have to examine whether to allow Chinese companies bidding for the nation's 5G contracts. My party feels there has been a major setback which the government is unwilling to acknowledge. If it is an ongoing process, let us see whether we can restore the status quo and that will be the acid test.

How did the Centre handle Covid-19 and the lockdown? We were given only a three-and-a-half-hour notice for the lockdown which eventually became a four-month lockdown. Everyone faced massive difficulties.

MHA fears rise in trafficking

Apprehending a rise in human trafficking cases in the wake of the pandemic and the economic stress caused by it, the MHA has asked states to operationalise specialised units in all districts, provide extensive training for police personnel at state border outposts to spot victims and involve panchayats in identifying children vulnerable to criminal gangs



A health worker collects blood samples from a policeman, who recently recovered from Covid-19 in Srinagar on Wednesday. A screening camp has been set up for people willing to donate plasma | PTI

'Lockdown may have led to 4.1L cases of overweight kids'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE nationwide lockdown enforced to contain the spread of the Covid-19 infection in India may have led to more than 4.1 lakh additional cases of underweight children and about 3.93 lakh cases of wasting in the country's poorest of the households, a new study has estimated.

The paper — "Living on the edge? Sensitivity of child undernutrition prevalence to bodyweight shocks in the context of the 2020 national lockdown strategy in India" — has said under a scenario of bodyweight shock (reduction in weight) of 0.5 per cent, the prevalence of underweight and wasting will increase by 1.42 and 1.36 percentage points, respectively.

These estimates get translated into 4,10,413 and 3,92,886 additional cases of underweight and wasting. The researchers are associated with the Institute Of Health Management Research, Jaipur, Institute Of Economic Growth, Delhi And Harvard Centre For Population And Development Studies in the US.

The estimation assumes significance as the National Family Health Survey, 2015-16, had revealed that every second child in India suffers from at least one form of nutritional failure. Some recent studies by government agencies had also found that more than 78 per cent of children under 5 in India do not have adequate daily calorie intake as per recommended dietary allowances suggested by the ICMR expert committee.

For the latest study, researchers used cross-sectional information from the most recent NFHS to estimate a possible increase in the prevalence of child underweight and wasting as a result of a reduction in their bodyweight.

And the shocks were estimated to range from a minimum of 0.5 per cent to a maximum 5 per cent reduction in the bodyweight for every child from the poorest 20 per cent household.

"Amidst elevated risks to lives and livelihood, such nationwide lockdown in India has also exposed the families from the poorest strata — a population that even in normal times barely survives on daily wages — to an immediate threat of hunger and food deprivation," the study said.

Pakistan files plea in HC for appointment of lawyer for Jadhav

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PAKISTAN on Wednesday filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court seeking the appointment of a lawyer for former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav.

The petition, filed by Pakistan Law and Justice Ministry, sought the lawyer's appointment to enable Jadhav to file a review petition against his death sentence, which was awarded to him by a military court following his arrest on charges of espionage.

The plea stated that Jadhav has refused to file a petition and it is in national interest that a legal representative is appointed on his behalf so that review and reconsideration proceedings can be initiated and also that Pakistan can comply with the International Court of Justice ruling.

Last year, following India moving the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the case, it had ruled that Pakistan grant India consular access to Jadhav, stayed his execution and also directed Pakistan to come up with a review mechanism.

Last week, India and Pakistan locked horns over the consular access granted to Jadhav. India claimed that the



meeting was not unconditional and was held in an intimidating atmosphere where Jadhav looked visibly stressed. They accused Islamabad of not adhering to their promise. Though the Pakistan foreign ministry had assured India that the consular access on Thursday would be unimpeded, unhindered and unconditional, it turned out that the arrangements of the meeting were not in accordance with the assurances made by Islamabad, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

The first consular access under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963 was earlier provided by Pakistan on September 2 last year.

In the current petition, the Advocate General Branch (AG) of General Headquarters (GHQ) and the Ministry of Defence have been made parties.

Jadhav has refused to file a petition and it is in national interest that a legal representative is appointed on his behalf so that review and reconsideration proceedings can be initiated
Pakistan Law and Justice Ministry

EXPRESS READ

Spare tyres to get boot under amended rules

New Delhi: An amendment to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules will now allow vehicle manufacturers to skip out on providing an emergency spare tyre, if the vehicle comes fitted with tubeless tyres and a tyre pressure monitoring system. Additionally, such vehicles, as manufactured after October 1 will need to be provided with a puncture repair kit. This amendment is applicable to vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes, under the M1 category.

'IAF in Ladakh has sent strong message'

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh complimented the IAF for its rapid deployment of assets at forward locations in response to the border row with China in eastern Ladakh, saying its Balakot strike and the current combat readiness have sent a strong message to "adversaries". In an address to the top commanders of the IAF, Singh said the nation's resolve to defend its sovereignty stands firm and that the people have confidence in its armed forces.



STYLISH BEGINNING

Newly elected BJP Rajya Sabha MP from Madhya Pradesh Sumer Singh Solanki holds a bow and arrow outside Parliament after taking oath on Wednesday. Chairperson M Venkaiah Naidu administered the oath to 45 members | SHEKHAR YADAV

Team Nadda likely to have both old, young faces

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

WITH team JPNadda all set to be unveiled, the spotlight will be on possible changes in the set of 12 vice presidents, as the BJP is likely to stick with the choice of experience and youth.

Nadda is likely to take a leaf out of his predecessor Amit Shah, who had picked up a team of 11 vice presidents, mostly in their 50s or early 60s, within a month after taking charge of the saffron outfit in

2014. Out of the 11 party vice presidents, eight are now in their 60s, while barring a few, most of them are seen within the party as organisationally inactive. Shah had constituted his team in 2014 within a few days after his formal election as the party chief by bringing in new faces, and four-fifth of his team being less than 60 years of age.

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be missing out from team Nadda on the basis of 'one man, one post'

policy, sources said, while adding that former CMs Raman Singh and Vasundhara Raje, both 67, look unlikely to continue as party vice presidents.

"The likes of BJP vice presidents Uma Bharti, 61, and Renu Devi, 57, haven't been organisationally active in the party. Nadda may find their replacements," sources added.

The BJP vice presidents Om Prakash Mathur, 67, Vinay Sahasrabudhe, 62, and Prabhat Jha, 63, have been shouldering organisational responsibilities.

Mathur was the in-charge for the recent assembly elections in Jharkhand, while Jha is party in-charge for Punjab, besides being a key Central leader for Madhya Pradesh.

Sahasrabudhe is in-charge for MP, who played a key role in the formation of the BJP government in the state.

Nadda is likely to draw two-third of his team from the talent basket of less than 60 years of age, while remaining one-third may consist of the experienced functionaries.

SC notice to Bhushan for tweets against judiciary

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday issued a contempt notice to senior advocate Prashant Bhushan for two of his tweets on Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and as former CJs.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra asked Bhushan to show cause as to why the contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him. In one of his tweets on June 27, Bhushan had written

about the "role of the Supreme Court in the destruction of democracy during the last six years, and had also mentioned the "role of the last 4 CJs" in it. In another tweet, on June 29, Bhushan had questioned the Chief Justice of India for riding a Harley Davidson bike without a helmet and a face mask, while "he keeps the SC in lockdown mode".

The bench also issued a notice to Attorney General K K

Venugopal to seek his opinion on the issue and slated the hearing for August 5.

During the hearing, the bench suggested Twitter India should itself disable tweets by Bhushan and said: "Why can't you do it on your own? Even after we have initiated the contempt proceedings, do you want to wait for a formal order? We think we won't pass any order and will leave it your wisdom." **ENS**



With active cases tripling, highest growth in cases, why Bihar is a worry

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA & RAJESH K THAKUR @ New Delhi/Patna

NAFIS Faizi teaches community medicine at Aligarh Muslim University and hails from Bihar, known for having one of the weakest healthcare systems in the country.

About 10 days ago, Faizi got a frantic call from his 70-year-old aunt in Bihar's Samastipur, who was gasping for breath and needed his counsel.

She managed to see a doctor, her relative, who immediately advised her ICU support, seeing her alarmingly low oxygen levels but she could not find a facility in town where she could get it and was dead within hours. "What happened to my aunt is happening in different parts of Bihar," said Faizi. "I am afraid the state is not well equipped to handle thousands of infected patients who will need urgent medical care."

Although Bihar ranks low in terms of the total cases and also fresh daily cases, the Covid-19 situation in Bihar is considered alarming. The reason is not far to seek. In the last 12 days, the state has seen the number of active cases nearly tripling. On July 10, the active cases were 3,929 but stood at 10,220 on Wednesday morning, the 9th highest in the country.

The state's growth rate of Covid 19 cases is 10% while the

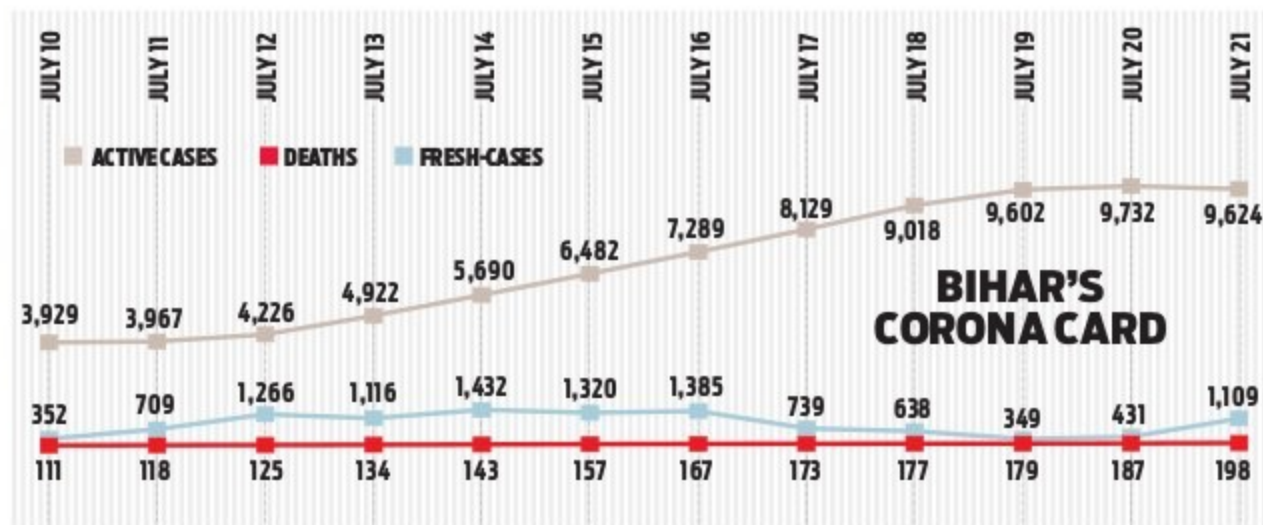
national average is 4.1%. The growth rate of deaths is 3.2% as against a national average of 2.4%. In the last 11 days, the state has recorded 106 more Covid 19 deaths.

The worsening situation forced the state to enforce a two-week long complete lockdown starting July 16. A central team which visited the state last week insisted that the measure, in itself, was not enough.

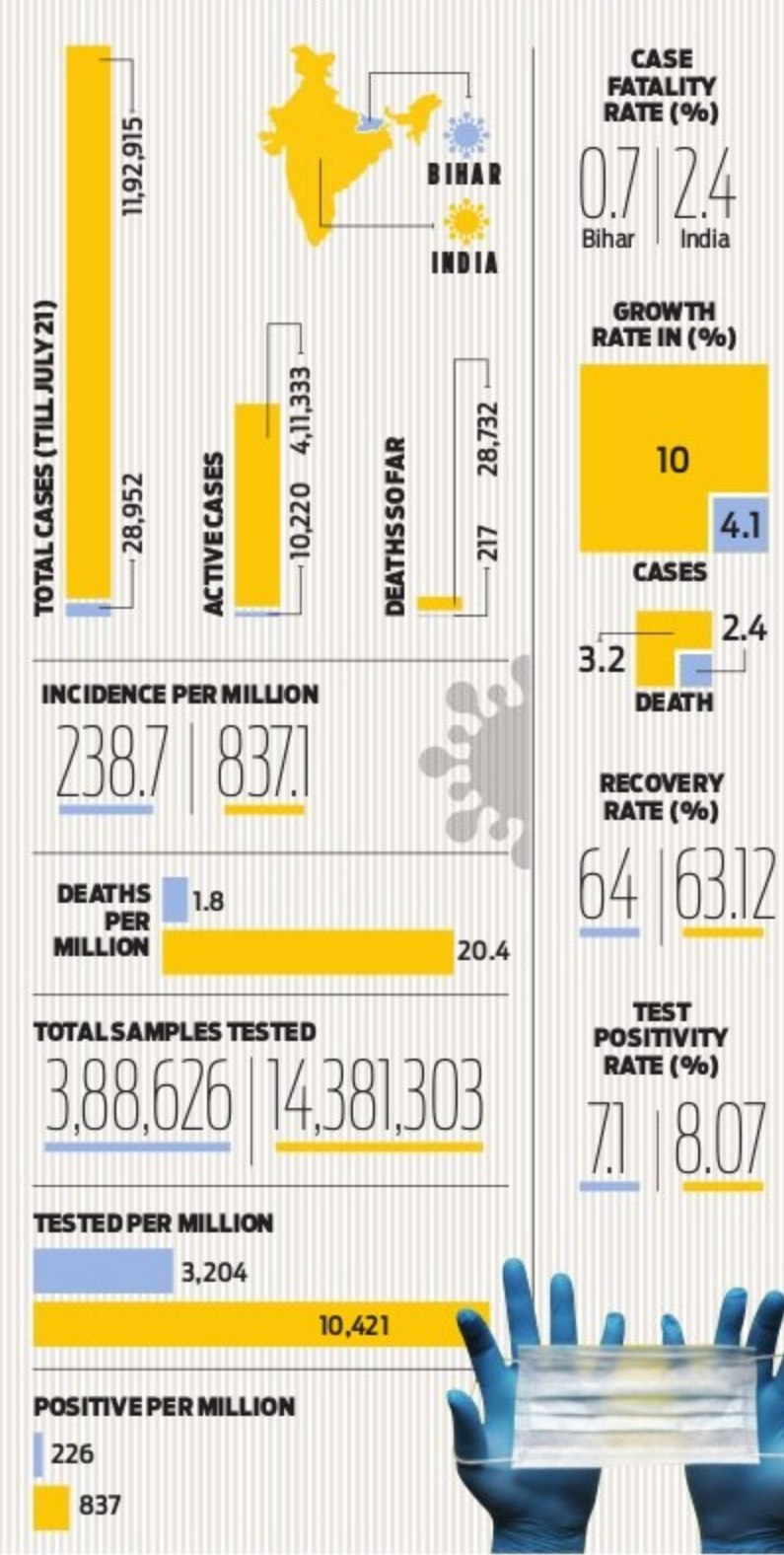
For the authorities at the Centre and public health spe-

cialists, it is the limited capacity of the state that is a major worry. With an estimated population of 9.9 crore, Bihar has only 44 testing facilities in the government sector and 20 in private and very limited resources to help those who need treatment.

A research paper published by Princeton University, US, sometime back said the state, at 30,857 hospital beds and 1,543 ICU beds in both public and private sectors, had the worst



COMPARISON OF BIHAR'S AND INDIA'S COVID SCENARIO



KANPUR GANGSTER

Former SC judge to head inquiry panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday gave nod to the Uttar Pradesh government's draft notification appointing Justice B S Chauhan, a retired SC judge, as head of a 3-member panel to probe the killing of eight policemen and the encounters of gangster Vikas Dubey and his associates.

Justice Chauhan, the last chairperson of the Law Commission, had served in the Supreme Court as a judge between 2009 and 2014.

Retired Allahabad High Court judge Shashi Kant Agarwal and former DGP KL Gupta are the other panel members.

"Why Dubey was out on bail or parole despite so many criminal cases against him is the single-most important factor of the entire matter?" asked a bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde while seeking a report from the Commission within two months.

The bench approved the draft notification, produced in

the court by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on behalf of the UP government.

The Commission will look into various aspects including inquiry into killing of eight policemen by Dubey and his associates and the possible

nexus of Dubey with state functionaries and how the history-sheets were out on bail. It will also probe why no efforts were made to cancel Dubey's bail.

The bench said that the Commission will start functioning within a week and will submit its report before the top court and also before the state, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act.

It asked the central government to provide secretarial staff and other amenities to the Commission. Mehta, on his part, said the Commission will also be given assistance of officials from the CBI or the NIA if they so require.

About monitoring the case, the CJI clarified that the apex court will not monitor the investigations into Dubey's encounter

EXPRESS READ

Week-long lockdown back in Kashmir

Srinagar: The J&K government re-imposed a week-long complete lockdown in Kashmir and barred entry of migrant labourers in Srinagar without Covid negative report. The government announced that the complete lockdown in all Red districts (excluding Bandipora) would remain in force till July 27. Of the 10 districts in KaSHMIR Valley, nine have been declared as Red zones. Police vehicles made announcements in Srinagar and other parts of the Valley advising people to stay home.

10-day total lockdown in Bhopal from July 24

Bhopal: A 10-day total lockdown was announced in Bhopal, starting from July 24 evening in the wake of alarming rise in Covid cases in the district. Announcing the state government's decision on Wednesday evening, Home Minister Narottam Mishra said the total lockdown starting from 8 pm on July 24 and continuing till August 3 evening has been decided in Bhopal after high-level meeting chaired by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Uddhav not decided over attending Ayodhya event

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A debate seems to have started whether Uddhav Thackeray will attend the *bhoomi puja* for the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya or not.

The Maharashtra Chief Minister is reportedly in a dilemma as he hasn't been invited by the Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust yet for the three-day ceremony beginning August 5, though Shiv Sena leader and Saamana executive editor Sanjay Raut had earlier said Thackeray did not need an invitation to go to Ayodhya for the *bhoomi puja*.

"Thackeray thought he would be invited as CM of a big state and president of a party that played a major role in the Ram Janmabhoomi movement. But the BJP-RSS have shown their true colours. The CM doesn't want to be an unwanted guest and get insulted. So, he may visit later, after the event," said a source.



Swami Govind Dev Giri Maharaj of Ram Janmabhoomi Trust in Pune

However, Sena MLA Pratap Sarnaik has written to the Trust asking that Thackeray be invited as the chief guest as the party had contributed a lot in the Ram Mandir movement.

A Sena leader said the temple was for all Hindus, but the BJP was trying to make it a party event. "The Trust shouldn't have done politics over the bhoomi puja. It has only invited people who belong to the BJP-RSS and their affiliates," said the Sena leader.

MP BYPOLL

Loan waived off, Congress to now rope in farmers

BHOPAL: Farmers, who benefitted from farm loan waiver scheme of the 15-month-old Kamal Nath regime, will be roped in by the opposition Congress in the Assembly bypolls in Madhya Pradesh.

The state unit of Kisan Congress has embarked on a campaign #Speak Up For Farmers to reach out to those farmers who were beneficiaries of the farm loan waiver scheme of the Congress government.

The Kisan Congress is forming an army of Kisan Sainiks, comprising Kisan Congress members till gram panchayat level. The Kisan Sainiks will shoot videos of farmers whose farm loans were waived off.

"Detailed videos of the beneficiary farmers will be shot by Kisan Sainiks. The farmers will also narrate difficulties being faced since the BJP returned to power four months back," Kisan Congress spokesperson Feroz Siddiqui said. **ENS**

Mission 2021: BJP brass summons Bengal leaders to firm up poll plans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

SETTING the tone for the crucial 2021 Assembly elections, the BJP brass summoned its Bengal functionaries at its headquarters to discuss how to maintain the pace of the party's inroads into the Trinamool Congress's citadel.

A 25-member delegation, including the MPs, left for Delhi on Wednesday, said BJP sources.

The party high-command asked the Bengal chapter to brief it about activities carried out during pre- and post-lockdown phases and how the party acted to highlight the issues such as the TMC's corruption in delivering Amphan compensation and failure to combat Covid-19 pandemic, said a BJP leader.

BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said he and other state committee functionaries and heads of the party's different wings would be in Delhi for four-five days. "Our national

Changes likely in TMC district setup

TMC boss Mamata Banerjee will hold a series of organisational meetings on Thursday. A rejig is expected in the Trinamool ground-level hierarchy ahead of the Assembly elections. Sources said Mamata might change the party heads in the districts where Trinamool failed to perform impressively in its turf.

leadership could not visit Bengal since the lockdown was announced in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. We are not in a position to hold rallies and carry out public relation activities since past few months. The party high-command wants to ascertain Bengal's present political scenario and this is why we have been summoned to Delhi," he said.

Eying the 2021 Assembly elections, BJP national president JP Nadda had sounded

the poll bugle in Bengal through a virtual rally in which he appealed the people to bring back the glory of the eastern state by overthrowing the Trinamool Congress government.

Boosted by the party's impressive performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in which it won 18 seats, the saffron camp has decided to go all out to wrest power in the next year's state polls.

"Shah and other observers of the party will hold dialogues with all MPs individually on virtual platforms. He wants to gather grass-root level details of the party's activities before and after the lockdown phases," said another BJP leader.

Sources in the BJP said the central leadership would guide its Bengal functionaries about what would be the other issues to be highlighted before the Assembly elections apart from the amended Citizenship Act and the National Register of Citizens.

House hunt on, Priyanka to stay in Gurugram

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

CONGRESS general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is set to temporarily shift to a house at DLF Aralia at Sector 42 of Gurugram in Haryana till she finds a permanent house in the national capital.

Sources said she will be staying in Gurugram for the next couple of months as her security personnel carried out the inspection of the posh apartment on Wednesday morning to review the security arrangements. Priyanka is a Z-plus category VIP and is guarded by the CRPF.

It is learnt that she is looking for a rented accommodation in Delhi and she might finalise a house near Sujjan Singh Park where repairs are currently going on.



Awhad's Facebook series on Sharad Pawar

Maharashtra minister and NCP leader Jitendra Awhad has started a unique series on his social media about his party boss. Awhad has been posting stories and videos on his Facebook page about the work done by Pawar during 50 years of his political life. Awhad shares a post and video on decisions made by Pawar when he served as four-time CM of Maharashtra, Union Defence Minister and Union Agriculture Minister. He has also been posting some personal and political anecdotes about Pawar.



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MUMBAI DIARY

No non-government meetings for officials

The Maharashtra government on Tuesday asked its officials not to attend meetings or tours organised by non-government people including the leaders of the opposition or members of Parliament. Officials have been asked to take instructions from ministers only. This move was made as officials were sharing real-time data with the opposition leaders first and later with the Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA government. BJP MLC Pravin Darekar, the Leader of Opposition in the Council, criticised the move saying it was a brazen attempt to muzzle the voice of opposition and people. However, treasury benches responded saying that former CM Devendra Fadnis had issued a similar order in March 2016 so there was nothing new in this.

BJP's collection drive gets derailed

Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant had alleged that the BJP is collecting ₹500 crore to topple the Rajas than government. According to some sources, BJP has actually started a drive to collect money from developers and businessmen for party fund. However, businessmen and developers were reeling under cash crunch. So, they smartly passed this message of BJP's collection drive to the ruling establishment and asked them to raise it so that the opposition party will not trouble them for funds.



Raj Thackeray's son prepares for bigger role

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) President Raj Thackeray has started grooming his son Amit Thackeray by giving him more responsibility and liberty to handle issues. Amit has been quite active during the pandemic crisis and addressed various issues successfully by meeting various authorities. He raised the issues of hike in the education fees and asked the education institutions not to exploit the parents in difficult times. He also demanded to issue government notifications in Marathi, not in English while he also resolved the Asha health workers' salary and hike issue by meeting Dy CM Ajit Pawar.

Pandemic puts brakes on Air India stake sale

DIPAM secretary TK Pandey says investors are engaged but want more time since international travel has stopped

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RESTRICTIONS on international travel due to the Covid-19 pandemic have put the brakes on the strategic disinvestment of CPSEs like Air India, said DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Wednesday, but added that was a priority for the government to conclude it.

"Normally strategic disinvestment takes 8-9 months... To a lot of extent, Covid has put a brake on this because international travel has virtually stopped. To some extent, we

have to grant extension to some of the EoIs that we have issued. It is not that the investors are not engaged, but they want more time. Because one thing which is not open yet is international travel," he said.

The government has already invited bids for strategic sale of national carrier Air India. However, the bid deadlines have been extended a couple of times on account of COVID-19 pandemic. For 100 per cent stake sale in Air India, the latest deadline for bid submission is now August 31.

RIL uses tech muscle to raise capital

The pandemic may have thrown a spanner in the works for the government, but India's Reliance Industries has had little trouble raising capital after the outbreak. It has used stake sales in digital unit Jio to raise a whopping ₹1.52 lakh crore. But, Covid-19 has delayed a planned stake sales in its oil business.

He added that the government has restructured the Expression of Interest (EoI) document for Air India to attract investors.

"We restructured the EoI of Air India with deep sense of responsibility that we will be successful this time. A lot of debt restructuring was done, rationality was brought in balance sheet, concerns of investors were met in EoI," he said.

A similar extension has also been made for the planned stake sale in BPCL.

Pandey pointed out that the

government's policy has marked a change from selling only loss making public sector units to profit making 'blue-eyed boys', like BPCL.

"Strategic disinvestment... completing what we have done (initiated the process) is a matter of priority. Also, building up a healthy pipeline... The idea is we are trying to give more space to the private sector in terms of brownfield investments. Once these enterprises are strategically privatised," Pandey said at a FICCI event held in New Delhi.

PARTICIPATION SOARS

- According to SEBI chairman Ajay Tyagi, the lockdown has led to a surge in new investors
- The number of new demat accounts opened has doubled to around 10 lakh in June 2020



₹2L cr raised via bourses in first qtr

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SEBI chairman Ajay Tyagi said on Wednesday that the stock markets have recovered from the shock in March and, despite the lockdown, capital worth ₹2 lakh crore was raised in the first quarter—accompanied by a huge surge in the participation of retail investors.

"Stock markets have largely recovered from the shock of March. Nifty performance is comparable to top indices of the world," Tyagi said while speaking at the FICCI Capital Market Summit.

He added that in June alone, the number of new demat accounts opened has jumped to around 10 lakh—the monthly pre-Covid average had been just five lakh.

However, he also had advice for the first time investors. "Such huge retail participation is not a cause of concern but small investors, mainly those who are coming into the market for the first time,

should start with investments into G-Secs, and in a more gradual manner, as it involves less risk. Demat of G-Secs would be a good step. Government will take a call on it. Corporates should be more upfront in sharing information since retail investors are showing faith in the market," Tyagi said.

He also proposed that stock exchanges should gradually move towards real-time settlement of trades in the share market.

"Exchanges, through the use of blockchain, should try real-time settlement in the stock market more seriously. They should go for it at least on a pilot or trial basis," Tyagi said, adding that the market has come a long way from the 45-day settlement of trades.

Currently, the settlement of trades is done on a T+2 basis—that is, today plus two days, by when stock transactions should be settled with payment and delivery obligations.



Demand for CVs may revive from Sept-Oct: Volvo Eicher

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COMMERCIAL vehicle (CV) maker Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles (VECV) said on Wednesday that demand for CVs may revive from September-October this year even as the segment reported a 85 per cent decline in sales during the first quarter of financial year 2020-21.

Vinod Aggarwal, Managing Director and CEO, VECV said, "This year is going to be tough but next year onwards it will be much better. We see a revival in demand starting September-October this year."

Aggarwal added that the company's plants were currently operating at a 25-30 per cent level due to poor demand and that the introduction of the incentive-based scrappage policy could help in the revival of the commercial vehicle segment.

Hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic-led economic slowdown, CV sales are expected to witness a record slump this year.

The company also announced that its entire range of CVs now come with connected technology. From August 1, the trucks and buses built on its EUTECH6 platform will be equipped with pre-fitted hardware that would enable them to be completely connected while on the road.

VECV said there were no extra costs associated with this technology. The services will be free for the first two years and post that, nominal charges of around ₹5,000 per annum would be charged, the company said.

Aggarwal added, "These offerings will not only reduce the operational cost by maximising fuel efficiency but will also increase revenue through improved asset utilisation with superior uptime... Large fleet customers who have high demands of fuel efficiency, safety and driving behaviour as critical elements will be able to maximise their productivity and profitability."

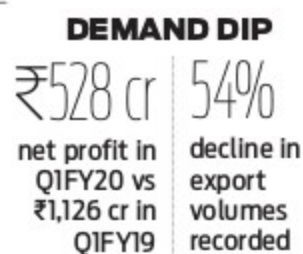
Bajaj Auto reports 53% decline in Q1 net profit

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MOTORCYCLE and three-wheeler maker Bajaj Auto on Wednesday reported a 53 per cent fall in its standalone profit for the quarter ended June, at ₹528 crore compared to ₹1,126 crore reported in the same quarter the fiscal.

"Q1FY21 has been an extremely challenging quarter due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. Lockdown and other containment/precautionary measures have resulted in disrupted supply lines and a sharp decline in overall demand," said the Pune-based automaker.

Revenue from operations fell 60 per cent to ₹3,079 crore during the quarter from ₹7,756



crore the previous year as total sales fell by nearly two-thirds—from 1,247,174 units in Q1 of FY20 to 443,103 units. "Sales in the domestic motorcycle market was nil for the entire month of April and impacted for a large part of May 2020. The month of June 2020 witnessed

a decent recovery and performance of Bajaj Auto was better than the industry," the company said.

Due to the fall in revenue, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) dropped to ₹441 crore from ₹1,250 crore despite strict cost control measures.

Bajaj said impact of this pandemic has been global. "While we have restarted operations, sporadic localised lockdowns are disrupting the supply chain and impacting the ability of the business to return towards normalcy." During the quarter, the automaker improved its overall share in the domestic motorcycle market to 20.7 per cent as against 18.5 per cent in FY20. In the sports segment, Bajaj

Auto said it continues to be a market leader. "We sold over 69,000 units in this segment. Market share was 59.0 per cent as against 44.7 per cent in FY20," it said.

In the commercial vehicle segment, Bajaj said that the domestic market has been severely impacted. "Industry recorded a decline of 91 per cent. Being a market leader, Bajaj Auto was impacted the most," it said.

During the period, its overall export volumes fell 54 per cent to 2,51,000 units. "By regions, Africa recorded a decline of 50 per cent, SAME recorded a decline of 63 per cent, LATAM recorded a decline of 63 per cent and ASEAN recorded a decline of 67 per cent," it said.

Autopay UPI launched for recurring payments

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) on Wednesday launched the UPI Autopay functionality for recurring payments using UPI applications. AutoPay, targeting middle class income groups, enables recurring payments like bills, subscriptions, insurance and loan payments, etc. up to ₹2,000. Customers may go for an auto debit option for amounts up to this mark. For payments higher than ₹2,000, customers will have to use their UPI pins numbers to authorize transactions.

"Any UPI-enabled application would also have a 'Mandate' section, through which customers can create, approve, modify, pause as well as revoke auto debit mandate. The mandate section will allow customers to view their past mandates for their reference and records. UPI users can create e-mandate

through UPI ID, QR scan or Intent. The pattern for auto debit mandate has been created keeping in mind customers' spends on recurring payments. The mandates can be set for one-time, daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly and yearly," according to an official statement.

The new UPI facility was launched by Nandan Nilekani, co-founder and non-executive chairman of Infosys and former chairman, UIDAI.

Nilekani said that UPI Autopay was one of the recommendations put forth by a RBI committee on Deepening of Digital Payments chaired by him. "As a part of the UPI, recurring man-

dates have also become pertinent. Autopay will give further impetus to the volume of UPI transactions and allow them to reach their goal of 1 billion digital transactions per day," he pointed out.



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Nandan Nilekani, Infosys

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

REFUND

₹833 CR TAX RELIEF FOR VODA IDEA

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TELECOM major Vodafone Idea received some relief on Wednesday after the Supreme Court dismissed a special leave petition filed by the Income Tax Department. The I-T wing had appealed to the SC after the Bombay High Court directed the refund of ₹833 crore within two weeks to the firm.

On Wednesday, the SC dismissed this plea, ordering the refund of the amount to the company and upholding the earlier verdict from the Bombay High Court which had asked the refund to be made within two weeks.

Already facing an existential threat from its massive AGR liabilities, the order will provide some, if not much, comfort to the capital starved company.

The current case dates from refund claims made by the telecom service provider for the Assessment Year 2014-15. The company had subsequently won the case at the SC in April this year and the I-T department had passed an order under Section 154 that the refund was due to Vodafone Idea. But, despite this, no refund was initiated.

Vodafone Idea moved the Bombay High Court and while the I-T department cited huge outstanding pending tax demands against the company pending against the company, the court said that the refund could not be withheld by the department since it lacked the powers to take such an action.

Centre eases norms, enables 40 lakh to work from home until Dec 31

BISMAL MALIK @ Bengaluru

IN a move that will enable more than 40 lakh IT employees in the country to work from home until the year end, the department of telecommunications (DoT) on Tuesday announced that it has extended the relaxations for Other Service Providers (OSPs) till December 31, 2020.

"In view of the ongoing concerns due to COVID-19, the Department has further decided to extend these relaxations up to December 31, or until further orders, whichever is earlier," the letter from the telecommunications department said. The government, in an earlier notification, had said that requirement of a security deposit for availing work from home facilities by OSPs in IT/ITES firms has now been ex-

GOING REMOTE

Over 90 per cent of the employees of the top four IT firms—TCS, Wipro, HCL Tech and Infosys—are currently working from home

empted in the wake of the pandemic.

It also said that the companies needn't set up Provider Provisioned Virtual Private Network (PPVPNs), and can use the secured VPNs for interconnection between the company facility and that of the employees who have to submit their name, physical address and already provided 'Static IP address'.

No OSP, according to the government, is supposed to seek any permission for start-

ing work from home facility for their employees.

These relaxations, as per the earlier directive, were to be implemented till August 31. IT industry body Nasscom's president Debjani Ghosh, while welcoming the government decision, said that this will ensure business continuity and employee safety as well as increase the talent pool in tier-2 and 3 cities.

Over 90 per cent of the workforces of the top four IT service providers—Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, HCL Tech and Infosys—is currently working from home. While TCS has said that it is aiming to institute a permanent work from home model for 75 per cent of its employees 2025, others say they are looking at hybrid models where employees will have an option.

EXPRESS READ



Qatar Airways sues for \$5 bn from boycotters

New Delhi: Qatar Airways said on Wednesday that it has launched international arbitration seeking at least \$5 billion from four boycotting Arab countries—UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt—for blocking its flights from their airspace and markets. The carrier did not elaborate where it initiated the arbitration. All four countries have boycotted the airline since June 2017.

NEC, UMTC tie-up for mobility solutions

Chennai: NEC Technologies India, a subsidiary of Japan-based NEC Corp, and Urban Mass Transit Company (UMTC), have entered into an agreement to jointly develop and deliver intelligent mobility solutions in rural and urban areas. Under this agreement, the two will work on transport-related system integration projects that benefit state governments and local administrations, and smart city projects. The collaboration will also provide end-to-end solutions for state road transport corporations and other public operators.

SMALL LOANS

Microfinance sector grows 23% in FY20

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE microfinance sector ended FY19-20, on a high note with a growth rate of 23 per cent over the previous year, according to CRIF Microend's quarterly report. The gross loan portfolio of the microfinance sector stands at 2.32 lakh crore at the end of March 2020, a growth of 9 per cent quarter-on-quarter. According to the report, ₹65,610 crore was disbursed in Q4FY20, which is a 3.5 per cent growth over the previous quarter.

The report states that while the sector grew at a sluggish pace in the first half of the previous fiscal year, it picked up momentum in the third quarter and attained maximum Q-o-Q growth in the last quarter. Disbursements by value have grown slower than the previous quarter and have seen a dip in terms of volume even though loans of ticket sizes over ₹60,000 saw a 33 per cent increase over the previous quarter. Asset quality across lenders has also deteriorated compared to the previous quarter as banks have been impacted by early defaults.

Liberty Shoes scouts for home-bred alternatives to Chinese imports

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

AS the government pushes a 'Vocal for Local' strategy, footwear company Liberty Shoes is looking to align its supply chain with the campaign. The 66-year-old brand, which claims to have been launched with the vision of liberating Indians from the stranglehold of foreign brands, now aims to prioritise local markets for its raw materials requirements. The company also wants to

reduce reliance on Chinese imports, which currently stand at around 15-20 per cent, said Anupam Bansal, Executive Director—Retail, Liberty Shoes.

"We are exploring all markets, outside of China, where the duty structure is very low. The only advantage that China has is that of cost. But, now even Vietnam and Bangladesh are matching up. That apart, there is a need to develop a more robust ancillary ecosystem for the footwear industry



in India to achieve economies of scale and solve the issues of costs, consistency in supply and availability of raw materials," Bansal said.

He added that hiking import duty alone was not enough. The industry needs regulatory support in terms of labour policies and land availability to ensure more manufacturing units with larger capacities can be set up. The government had increased customs duty on footwear from 25 per cent to 35 per

cent and on parts utilised to make footwear to 20 per cent from 15 per cent in February.

Despite India being the world's second-largest producer of footwear, many brands are still heavily dependent on imports. Bansal, however, said that cutting imports to zero would be "unrealistic" in the near-term as machinery, moulds and equipment for manufacturing footwear components are still not very prevalent in the domestic market.



New Zealand captain Kane Williamson on Wednesday said he is excited about playing the IPL in the UAE but a lot of "planning and organising still needs to be done" amid the raging Covid-19 pandemic. "There's a lot of details to come through before any final decisions will be made. It will be nice to know more," the Sunrisers Hyderabad player said.

Two takeaways for Ganguly & Co

SC defers BCCI hearing by two weeks, president and secretary likely to continue

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COURT adjourning a matter without hearing any argument isn't always significant. Wednesday's Supreme Court update in the BCCI case was different in that respect. There were two highlights in the court's decision to hear after two weeks the board's appeal to make changes in its constitution.



BCCI president Sourav Ganguly

If this means status quo for a fortnight or so, it may not be mandatory for Sourav Ganguly to go by the existing rule and step aside as BCCI president after his term ends on July 26. Although the court has not said this, there were talks in board circles that as long as the petition is not dismissed, the office-bearers can remain in power. Jay Shah is continuing as secretary following this assumption, although there is another group which thinks disqualification becomes automatic after the stipulated date unless the court rules otherwise.

Second, the petition filed by BCCI wants major changes in the constitution registered in

2018 following a Supreme Court order. Other than modification of the cooling-off rule, the appeal seeks more power for elected office-bearers instead of paid executives and relaxation of the rule forbidding persons above 70 representing BCCI in ICC. In certain ways, it proposes a rollback to the pre-reform days with regards to several aspects. The court has not dismissed the application, which in effect is a plea to revise its own order.

Before the court had passed the final order making the new constitution mandatory for BCCI and the state associations, numerous petitions were filed seeking relaxation or modification of certain rules. Other than voting rights for multiple associations from one state (Gujarat and Maharashtra) and five-member selection committee, the court had rejected all other applications. That way, it is noteworthy that the Supreme Court has agreed to hear this appeal after having dismissed similar appeals in the past.

As far as tenures of president and secretary case is concerned, court's silence is a relief for those concerned about the immediate future of Ganguly and Shah in the board. There were talks at the top level that if the court does not reject the plea, it would mean the cooling-off amendment is under consideration. Those saying this will interpret the court's acceptance to hear the appeal as green light for president and secretary to continue.

Women's cricket victim of preferential treatment

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

IT has not even been six months since the Indian women's team played at Melbourne Cricket Ground, in the most-watched final of a women's cricket event. After finishing runners-up in that T20 World Cup, the team has a 50-over World Cup in New Zealand, although the fate of it is uncertain.

They were supposed to be the first Indian team to take the field after the pandemic affected normal life, in England in September. The bio-secure model proposed by the English board (ECB) was so impressive that some of those involved in discussions said it could be tried by BCCI in

domestic matches. However, last Friday, the BCCI revealed it won't send the women's team to England, where it was supposed to feature in a tri-series also involving South Africa. With the World Cup not called off yet, this trip would have given Mithali Raj & Co valuable game time.

The higher-ups in BCCI thought otherwise. Even though they came up with an expansive plan to have IPL in UAE, they shot down the idea of sending the women's team to England, saying it is unsafe. Unsafe, when ECB is hosting the West Indies in a Test series and is set to welcome Pakistan for another Test series next month! It is said that assembling

players in one city would have been difficult. It is worth asking then that how can a board — which finds it practically challenging to get 20 women players in one city — carry 150 men (players and support staff) to the UAE? This appears to be negligence.

When the BCCI was caught up in legal tangles, Diana Edulji's presence in the Committee of Administrators meant attention was paid to the women's game. Though there were controversies in appointment of coaches, a spat between players and former coach Ramesh Powar, the team was on the way up. Two finals and a semifinal in the last three ICC events are testament to that.

Following Syed Saba Karim's resignation as GM of cricket operations, there is nobody to handle the women's team's operations. Despite advertising for selectors in January after the Hemalata Kala-led committee's tenure ended, the posts are still lying vacant. It is understood that the issue was raised in Friday's Apex Council meeting, but shot down as the office-bearers deemed it unnecessary to pay selectors when there are no matches. Ironically, it was them who told ECB that they won't send the team?

It is learnt that the Future Tours Programme for men was discussed, but women's was not. Full story: newindianexpress.com

WADA extends NDTL suspension by 6 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has extended the suspension of National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) by another six months citing non-conformities with international standards. The NDTL was first suspended for six months in August 2019. A fresh inspection revealed that the non-conformities still existed. The second six-month suspension began on July 17.

"WADA has suspended the accreditation of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) in New Delhi, India, for the second period of up to six months," world body said in a statement.

The suspension prohibits the NDTL from carrying out any anti-doping activities, including all analyses of urine and blood samples. Sports minister Kiren Rijiju said technical problems are addressed now. "WADA served suspension notice before I took over

as Chairman of National Dope Testing Laboratory. The rules of revoking its accreditation after 6 months suspension are avoided by extending the suspension period because all technical problems are being addressed now," Rijiju tweeted.

Non-conformities with the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL) identified during the WADA site visit last year included the laboratory's isotope ratio mass spectrometry.

In February 2020, when the six-month suspension period elapsed and some outstanding non-conformities had not been addressed successfully, WADA's Laboratory Expert Group (LaBEG) recommended the initiation of further disciplinary proceeding.

Pursuant to Article 13.7 of the World Anti-Doping Code, the NDTL may appeal this decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days of receipt of the notice.

FUTURE TENSE

Paddlers in fix as foreign leagues await

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY
@New Delhi

WHEN it comes to foreign leagues, Indian table tennis stars are a sought-after commodity. From European leagues to leagues in Asia, Indians have got offers from around the globe. Most of these meets are set to begin in September or October. However all top Indians are yet to begin practice, something that is gnawing away at the back of their minds. Also, the uncertainty regarding foreign travel prevented a few from signing any contract despite multiple offers.

On Tuesday, World No 32 G Sathiyam signed for Polish defending champs Sokolow S.A. Jaroslav on top of having signed up for Okayama Rivets in the Japanese T-League. A Sharath Kamal has signed for Bundesliga outfit Borussia Dusseldorf. Harmeet Desai has signed for French league side LNTT.

"These are high calibre leagues and the fact that Indians are in demand speaks volumes of our growth over the last couple of years. However, there will be pressure on us to deliver and most of us have not even sparred properly in the last four-five months," Sathiyam said.

Finding a base of operations has proved difficult. After discussions with TOP Scheme and TTFI, Bengaluru seemed to be a preferred choice with six paddlers showing interest. SAI shot down those plans by saying the Bengaluru centre does not have any equipment for paddlers. Full story: newindianexpress.com

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Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi
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Student's climate change lawsuit against Oz govt

First case in the world dealing with climate as a material risk to the sovereign bond market, claims Kathleen O'Donnell legal team

INVESTMENT RISKS

SYDNEY: An Australian student is suing the government for failing to disclose climate change risks to investors in sovereign bonds, in what lawyers believe is the first case of its kind.

The lawsuit filed in the Federal Court on Wednesday alleges Australia's economy and reputation will be significantly impacted by the government's response to climate change and that investors should be made aware of those risks, Sydney-based firm Equity Generation Lawyers said in a statement.

Kathleen O'Donnell, a 23-year-old student who owns Australian government bonds, is the lead claimant in the class action.

It comes after Australia suffered a devastating summer of bushfires that razed vast tracts of land, killing more than 30 people and an estimated billion animals. Scientists say climate change is making fire seasons Down Under longer

and more severe, while also burning in areas previously untouched by bushfire.

O'Donnell grew up in an area of rural Victoria state that has previously been ravaged by bushfires.

The fifth-year law student,

Australia's corporate watchdog, ASIC, and the prudential regulator of Australia's \$2.7 trillion superannuation industry, APRA, have each told companies and funds to understand and disclose climate change risks. Australia's independent central bank, the Reserve Bank of Australia, has warned of systemic climate risks to Australia's economy and subsequent impacts on major financial institutions

Equity Generation Lawyers

studies at La Trobe University and grew up in Healesville in the Central Highlands.

"Australia's reputation is particularly impacted by the government's failure to limit fossil fuel production and fail-

ure to have a credible plan to transition Australia to a low carbon economy," her lawyers said in a statement.

"The lack of credible policies is expected to ultimately cost the economy when a sudden and disorderly transition occurs."

O'Donnell's case is a class action, with O'Donnell representing all investors and potential investors in government bonds tradeable on the Australian Securities Exchange and does not seek damages, but instead a declaration that the government and the secretary to the Department of Treasury and the chief executive of the Australian Office of Financial Management breached their duty.

Renewables accounted for just six per cent of Australia's primary energy mix in 2018, according to government figures, while the country is one of the world's largest exporters of fossil fuels.

However the conservative government insists Australia will meet its Paris climate agreement target of reducing emissions by 26-28 per cent on 2005 levels by 2030.

The country has just over \$429 billion in sovereign bonds on issue, according to the Reserve Bank of Australia. O'Donnell's claim is seeking a court injunction to prevent Australia from promoting bonds without informing investors about climate change risks.

Her lawyers said it "is the first case in the world dealing with climate as a material risk to the sovereign bond market".



School children shout slogans during a strike and protest by students highlighting inadequate progress to address climate change in Sydney in March 15, 2019 | AFP

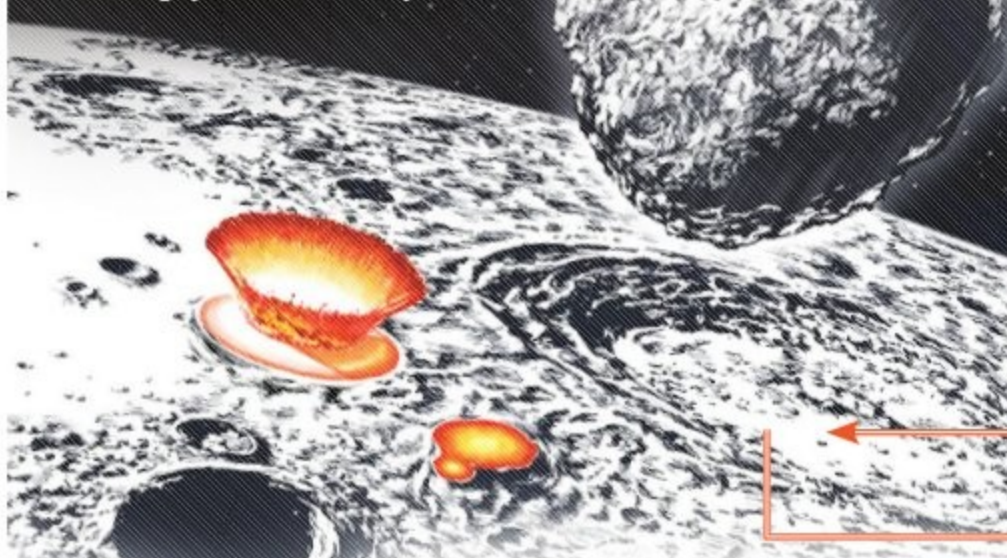
EXFILE

MASSIVE METEOR SHOWER 'HIT EARTH AND MOON' 800 MN YEARS AGO

A giant meteor shower bombarded Earth and the Moon 800 million years ago with more than 30 times the force of Chicxulub impactor — the asteroid strike that killed the dinosaurs — a new research published in the journal *Nature Communications* showed this week

ONCE IN 100 MILLION YEARS

The probability of an asteroid that size hitting Earth is roughly once in 100 million years



WHAT CAUSED THE METEOR SHOWER

Researchers opine that the disruption of the parent body of C-type asteroid Eulalia caused an asteroid shower

A C-type asteroid is a class expected to contain carbon in analogy to the carbonaceous chondrites (meteorite)

FINDINGS

They also concluded that sporadic meteorite bombardment due to the disruption of asteroids may have caused the following:

- 1 Some of the resulting fragments fell on terrestrial planets and the Sun
- 2 Others stayed in an asteroid belt as the Eulalia family
- 3 Remnants had orbital evolution as a member of near-Earth asteroids

59 Number of lunar craters with a diameter of approximately 20 km investigated

Our new finding suggests that the flux of extra-terrestrial elements might have influenced marine biogeochemical cycles... severe perturbations to Earth's climate system, and the emergence of animals

ORBITER HELP

Japanese scientists examined images taken by the Kaguya lunar orbiter — that was launched in September 14, 2007

100 KM DIAMETER

They found that an enormous asteroid — at least 100 kilometres in diameter — broke up and plunged into the Earth-Moon System, having a profound impact on life on our planet

LACK OF EVIDENCE ON EARTH

Impact craters of meteor strikes created before

600

million years ago have been erased by aeons of erosion and other geological processes. But there is virtually no erosion on the Moon, allowing the team to reconstruct the history of nearly 60 large craters

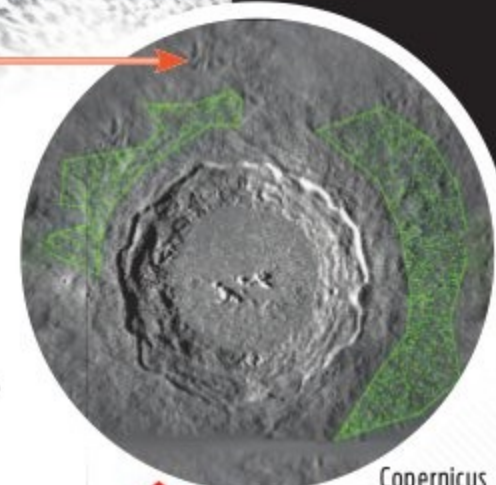
STUDY

Researchers from Osaka University looked at the age the large craters were formed by examining the density of smaller craters within their ejecta range — where chunks of rocks would have landed after the main impact

METHODOLOGY

They used scaling laws and collision probabilities to calculate that the mass of meteors to strike Earth and the Moon was 40-50 million billion tonnes — that's 30-60 times greater than the Chicxulub impact event

This strike, approximately 65 million years ago in Mexico, is thought to have led to a mass extinction of more than three quarters of life on Earth, including non-avian dinosaurs



Copernicus crater and its surrounding craters

COPERNICUS CRATER DIAMETER: 93 KM

The density of 860 craters with diameter of 0.1-1 km (shown in green) was examined to derive the age of the Copernicus crater

As a result, 8 of 59 craters were found to be formed simultaneously, a world first

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?

800 MILLION YEARS AGO

The team said the shower 800 million years ago struck Earth just before the Cryogenian period, which saw a planet-wide ice age between 720-635 million years ago

Telescope spots a multi-planet solar system and snaps two planets with its baby sun

CELESTIAL VIEW

CAPE CANAVERAL: For the first time, a telescope has captured a family portrait of another solar system with not just one, but two planets posing directly for the cameras while or-

biting a star like our Sun.

This baby sun and its two giant gas planets are fairly close by galactic standards at 300 light-years away.

The snapshot — released on Wednesday — was taken by the European Southern Observa-

tory's Very Large Telescope in Chile's Atacama Desert.

What makes this group shot so appealing is it's a "very young version of our own sun," said Alexander Bohn of the Netherlands' Leiden University, who led the study.

Bohn said he was "extremely excited" about the discovery. "This is the first time astronomers were able to capture such a shot," he said in an email.

The observations can help scientists better understand the evolution of our own solar

system. Astronomers typically confirm worlds around other stars by observing brief but periodic dimming of the starlight, indicating an orbiting planet. Such indirect observations have identified thousands of planets in our Milky Way gal-

axy. It's much harder and less common for a telescope to directly observe these so-called exoplanets. To directly spot two of them around the same star is even rarer. Only two multi-planet solar systems have been spotted using the direct meth-

od, both with stars quite different than our sun, according to the observatory.

Of the 4,183 exoplanets confirmed to date, only 48 of them have been directly imaged — just one per cent, according to NASA statistics.

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No protections for US' rare fish species

LEGAL DISPUTE

BILLINGS: US wildlife officials on Wednesday rejected special protections for a rare, freshwater fish species that's been at the centre of a long-running legal dispute, citing conservation efforts that helped increase Arctic grayling numbers in a Montana river.

The *Associated Press* obtained details of the decision not to protect the fish under the Endangered Species Act in advance of a planned public announcement later in the day.

The move comes almost two years after a federal appeals court faulted the US Fish and Wildlife Service for arbitrarily dismissing the threat that climate change and other pressures pose to the species.

Known for their iridescent appearance and sail-shaped dorsal fins, Arctic grayling are members of the salmon family that can reach 30 inches in length and are prized by many anglers.

Officials credited a conservation agreement involving landowners and government agencies for recent improvements to the grayling's river habitat in south-western Montana's Big Hole Valley.

The Big Hole River and its tributaries — home to one of the few native populations of the fish in the Lower 48 states — saw grayling numbers roughly double during the last decade to about 1,500 adult fish, said Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Jim Boyd.

Efforts to protect Arctic grayling date to 1991, when wildlife advocates petitioned the government to add the fish to its list of threatened and endangered species. Officials determined in 1994 and again in 2004 that protections were needed. But they were never imposed because other species were given a higher priority.

The Fish and Wildlife Service in 2014 determined that protections were no longer needed because the landowner conservation agreement had helped the fish rebound.



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India's first radio

The Indian Broadcasting Company came into being on this day in 1927, with daily transmission broadcasting by their Bombay Radio Station

THE STATIONS

The Bombay Station was inaugurated by Lord Irwin, the then Viceroy of India. According to the agreement, there were two stations, one in Bombay and the other in Calcutta



SETTING UP ALL INDIA RADIO

The stations' broadcast was in English, catering to the small European community and Westernised Indian. In 1935, BBC stepped in to set up All India Radio



NATIONAL CONTENT

Programmes on Indian music, drama, and public affairs were increasingly broadcast over AIR in Hindi after 1940, in an attempt to standardise language use

'Hope viewers will relish French Biryani'

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STEPPING IN

- ◆ **Diane Gernsch:** Through her performance, this Switzerland-based artiste hopes other dancers will feel encouraged to go beyond their limits and explore the freedom of movement
- ◆ **David Zambrano:** Hailing from the Netherlands, he will talk about dance as a medium of expression
- ◆ **Ronita Mookerji:** This Bengaluru-based artiste has been inspired by Bharatnatyam and Indian martial arts
- ◆ **Gaby Davies:** A European contemporary dancer from Malta, she will include Yoga moves in her dance
- ◆ **Noemie Cuere:** Switzerland-born contemporary dancer, known for her fluid movements



Diane Gernsch



Ronita Mookerji



Gaby Davies



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MOVING MOMENTS

Monika Monalisa

There's no language as universal as dance. With an aim to bring the world closer, an international dance festival will be held soon. Taking the virtual route, the second edition of the programme will happen from August 10-16. The show will have performances and talks by artistes from across the world, including countries like Malta, Congo and Zimbabwe. "All the content will be ready beforehand and we will share something different each day," says festival manager Mirra. Though putting to-

gether a virtual show comes with its own set of constraints—like maintaining a connection with the audience or keeping a single camera angle—Mirra is still optimistic about the idea. "We have already got around 45 entries and since these are from different countries, viewers can be exposed to different kinds of dance," says 41-year-old Mirra. While it focuses primarily on contemporary dance, it is open to other dance forms too, with this year's theme being 'Challenging uncertainty'. The last date for entries is July 26.

The festival is crowdfunded and also intends to raise funds for contemporary dancers. "All sectors have been affected due to the pandemic but there is

For dancers, by dancers... An upcoming global festival will bring together performers from India, Malta, Congo, Russia and other countries in order to raise funds for performing artistes

nothing being done for these artistes," says Mirra, who has been practising contemporary dance for 18 years now.

For city-based dancer, Ronita Mookerji, the opportunity provided a platform to perform again. "We've been confined to Zoom meetings or online practices. We don't have any where to perform," says Mookerji,

whose entry video is a duet with Malta-based Gaby Davies. The two shot their parts individually in their respective countries and will edit it to make it seem like one video. "Our piece revolves around the pandemic situation in the world. For instance, the situation is different in Gaby's country as opposed to India," says Mookerji.

This festival has already gained popularity among international dancers. "We have co-founders from Belgium, Switzerland and Russia. So the festival is equally theirs as much as it is ours," says Mirra, who adds that the first edition in Goa in January saw 65 dancers from different parts of the world.

Love, lo-fi hip hop and vibes of season

Muneef Khan

Love songs are an intrinsic part of music. But guitarist, composer and vocalist Sanjeev T's recently released single looks to shed light on love in a more real sense, where it is clouded by conditioning yet discovers real struggles towards an uncertain future. The track is aptly named *Not A Love Song* and is also a part of his upcoming album, called *Future*. The song features Chennai-based vocalist-producer Native Indian aka Siva Baskaran whom Sanjeev is all praises for. He now intends to collaborate with various artistes on each of the tracks and plans to release them this year.

Having spent a decade undertaking guitar duties for ma-

tro A R Rahman, the musician, who has previously dished out heavy fusion records—*ST* (2018) and alternative biggie—*Epic Shit* (2013)—says *Future* is a new space for him. "It's something one would probably not expect from an artiste like me. This time around, I was stuck at home, so inspiration had to be found from within and this album is my way of documenting the current times in our lives," says Sanjeev, who is also the chief mentor at Rainbow Bridge School of Music, Bengaluru. Interestingly, *Not A Love Song* also leans on a genre less explored by him—that of lo-fi hip-hop. While the artiste had started scouting for material earlier this year, the jams came to halt due to the nationwide lockdown. "Instead, I experimented and had fun sampling, and creating completely new sounds from the jams. Even-



Sanjeev T

ry indie release of mine has been around a bigger inspiration outside the studio," he says.

While the lockdown did affect his plans, Sanjeev steered the album to a lo-fi landscape of sampled and live sounds, expressing the current emotional condition of a human mind. He adds, "Lo-fi is definitely the vibe of the season, which calls for slowing down and removing



Album art for Future

oneself from the rat race. This is new to us and so everyone interprets it differently. We should take our time to deal with our new found problems, rather than trying to succeed and reinvent instantly."

Spread across six soundscapes, *Future* aims to express emotions felt during the period of being confined indoors. "Feelings of worry, missing a loved one who is no more, viewing life with new intentions, breaking traditional conventions and conditioning and feeling the rain while being locked down at home—these themes came from words of the tracks I sampled," he says, adding that for *Not A Love Song*, the words *Kaadhal* (love in Tamil) *Magic* in the lyrics were brought together randomly.

While he is currently working on the second single from the album, the current times are also taking up some mind space. "Half of my earnings are from live shows around the globe and this is something that we might not see much of in the near future," he says.

Koshy's to close doors temporarily

Express Features

Bengaluru's popular hangout, Koshy's, will be staying closed till the Covid-19 situation gets better. Owner Prem Koshy says he will not be opening doors at least until the first week of August or until the number of cases come down. "Our safety comes first, and with Covid-19 knocking on our doors, we have decided to wait



The eatery has also seen 80 per cent drop in footfall

until the situation improves," he says, adding, "We have taken this precaution even though no one in our restaurant has tested positive. We don't want to risk it since we don't feel it's worth the risk."

With the F&B industry having taken a significant beating with the pandemic, Koshy says not many have been eating out. "We've never faced such a situation in the last 70 years. Our industry is terribly hit. We were open for 23 days

after the lockdown was lifted, and saw a drop of about 80-85 per cent in footfall. Even so, we have decided to not re-open immediately. Our staff comes from far away locations, where infection is also high," he says. They are now working on ways to re-invent themselves. "But before we take any step, we are waiting for the virus to calm down," he says. However, the bakery on St Mark's Road will remain open.

Express Features

When Renu Savant completed a four-hour documentary, *Many Months in Mirya*, capturing the lives and times of those in this village in Maharashtra, the filmmaker got more and more engaged with the place. The result was a second film, *Mod Bhaang* in Marathi (*The Ebb Tide* in English). As part of its various screenings, The Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) is screening the documentary, which will be followed by an online discussion on it. Shot through the monsoon of 2018 in the creek of Mirya village, the film is a documentation of its fisherfolk, recording their unfolding presence and fishing work. It brings out their working rhythm, dreams and de-

Tales from the sea

A still from the film

sires, relationship to the sea and the fish as a sacred natural resource.

For Savant, this village happens to be her paternal ancestral village. So shooting within Mirya was like being an insider-outsider while negotiating caste, gender and cultural politics in the village as a woman filmmaker. "The politics of privilege within the village, of which I am a part, chal-

WATER WORLD



Renu Savant

lenges and questions me at the same time," she says. A woman filmmaker and cameraperson shooting in an Indian village, which like any other is

known for social hierarchy and power structure, came with its set of hurdles. "There were times men in the creek were uncomfortable having women around especially since it's considered a man's work," she says.

Mod Bhaang was selected in the long documentary competition at the DOK Leipzig in Germany. It has also been screened at various Indian film festivals. The village folk, however, were not used to a film of this sort. "The crew consisted of a few of us. The expectation from filmmakers is the fanfare that follows, none of which we had. Our idea was to document specificities of the place and time, while looking at it as a creative activity," she says.

(The conversation with Renu Savant will be on July 24 at 6 pm, and can be joined via Zoom or the IIHS Facebook page)



MYTH: Spending time in the sun will protect me from Covid-19.

FACT: While it may help improve your Vitamin D3 levels, spending time in the sun is not likely to prevent or cure the virus.

MYTH: Drinking hot liquids will help prevent Covid-19.

FACT: Gargling or drinking warm water may help symptoms like sore throat but there is no conclusive evidence to suggest it can prevent protection against the virus.



MYTH: Adding pepper and garlic to food can prevent Covid-19.

FACT: There is no evidence to prove this. A better option is wearing a mask, maintaining social distance and washing hands with soap frequently.

MYTH: You have Covid-19 infection if you are not able to hold breath for 10 seconds.

FACT: No. The only way to diagnose coronavirus infection is by getting a test done.



MYTH: You need to wear a mask only if you have symptoms.

FACT: Many Covid-positive patients have been found to be asymptomatic. Experts advise everyone to wear a mask in crowded places or when you are in close proximity (less than 6-feet) with others.

MYTH: It is not safe to receive a letter or package.

FACT: False. According to WHO, coronaviruses do not survive long on objects like letters or packages.

INSTANT DOSA

- INGREDIENTS
- Wheat flour: 1 cup
 - Rava: 2 spoons
 - Mustard seeds: 1/4 spoon
 - Cumin seeds: 1/4 spoon
 - Green and Red chillies: 1 each
 - Curry leaves: a sprig
 - Salt to taste

METHOD

- Mix wheat flour, rava and salt with water and make a batter.
- Temper this batter with mustard, cumin seeds, green and red chillies, and curry leaves.
- Pour a ladle full of the batter on a pre-heated tawa and make dosas out of it. Smear little oil.
- Serve hot.

— by Anu Rajagopal, Chennai



QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

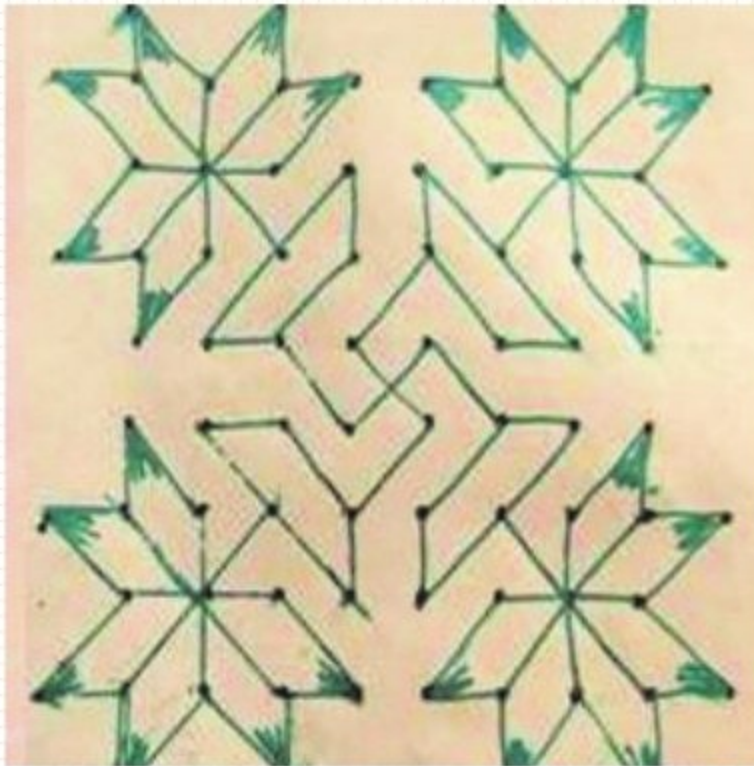
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

DOTS & DESIGNS

8*8 RANGOLI

- Place 8 by 8 straight dots.
- Add two dots on the sides of each corner as shown in the dot count.
- Now join the dots using straight lines and connect to form a Swastik design.
- You can now choose to draw some designs inside like the finished figure.

— by Sowmya Vijay



BRIGHT SPOT

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

The residents of Anchorage, Alaska, have made sure that even the homeless stay safe during the coronavirus crisis. When Alaska issued its "hunker down" order due to the novel coronavirus, the staff at Catholic Social Services knew they needed to act quickly to get the homeless population of Anchorage off the streets and out of crowded shelters. They worked round the clock to find hundreds of homes, but those being rehoused often lacked basic necessities. A call for help on social media was picked up by Coronavirus Days of Caring, a new Facebook group of Anchorage residents. They collaborated with a local business, Hotel Captain Cook that has an ongoing partnership with CSS, to start a drive. Residents could drop off necessities with the hotel bellmen to be distributed to a newly housed person. And for every selfie taken during the drop-off, the hotel would give a \$10 tip to staffers who had temporarily lost their jobs due to the pandemic. When the drive concluded, two massive trucks full of household items were gathered.



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FIT BIT

UTTHAN PRISTHASANA (LIZARD POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'utthan' means 'stretch out', 'pristha' means 'page of a book' or 'back of the body', and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is a preparatory pose for advanced hip opening postures. The advanced versions of lizard pose are flying lizard pose and twisted lizard pose. It activates the Svadisthana, the second chakra which is associated with creativity, confidence, survival instinct and a feeling of abundance.

STEPS

- Start with the Adho Mukha Svanasana (downward facing dog pose).
- Place your right foot in between the hands, your foot is little wider than your shoulders. For this, place your foot towards the edge of the mat.
- Keep your hips forward and down.
- Gently walk forward till you can place your forearms down. Place your forearms on the floor and open your chest.
- Slowly lengthen your spine and draw your shoulder blades together out of your back.
- Place your right knee towards the middle line and look straight.
- You can maintain the pose for 30 to 60 seconds. Then release the position.
- Repeat the same process with your alternate leg. Try to repeat the pose three times each with your both legs for good results.
- You can also place your leg in between your hands, instead of keeping your forearms down.

BENEFITS

- Opens your chest, shoulders, and hamstrings.
- Calms your mind and acts as a stress buster.
- Helps to open the hamstrings, hip flexors, and groin.
- Makes your inner thigh muscles and quadriceps stronger.
- Good for your neck and gently massages your internal organs.
- A simple asana that is very effective on your body, mind and soul.

LIMITATIONS

- This should be practised on an empty stomach. Keep a 3-5 hour gap between your practice and meal.
- People with injuries or those recovering from surgery may avoid this.
- Those suffering from sciatica, knee or back problems must avoid this.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



SOUND BOARD

SERIAL

Serial is an investigative journalism podcast hosted by Sarah Koenig, narrating a non-fiction story over multiple episodes. The series was co-created and is co-produced by Koenig and Julie Snyder and developed by This American Life

- On Google Podcast

SHORT STORIES IN TAMIL

Deepan takes the listener, especially the little ones, through inspiring short stories of everyday lives. The simple choice of words and relevant topics make this podcast an engaging one.

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WHAT IF WORLD

What if trees go to school? What if cars could talk? This podcast is for parents who get hard-hitting questions from their kids. It comes with a vivid and imaginative narrative.

- Download from Google Play for free

SPILLED MILK

If you're a food lover, then this one's for you. The podcast from writer-cum-comedians Molly Wizenberg and Matthew Amster-Burton has the pair rummaging on a particular food delicacy laced with humour and anecdotes.

- On Apple Podcast

AMAZING WILDLIFE

This educational series highlights the wonders and diversity of the animal kingdom. The episodes also feature fun and insightful facts about the world's most fantastic animals.

- On Apple Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ERADANE SALA

A widow tells her son to maintain distance from a girl who will be living with them. He tries his best to not develop any feelings towards her but eventually falls in love with her.

- Cast: Dhananjay, Sangeetha Bhat, Lakshmi

KANTEERAVA

Kanti is raised like a son by a rich landlord and does odd jobs at his house. The landlord's daughter loves Kanti. But when Kanti returns from Kerala, he is accompanied by a mentally challenged girl.

- Cast: Duniya Vijay, Shubha Poonja

POWER

A politician slips into coma after being attacked by criminals. He wakes up several years later to find his son having taken up his responsibilities. However, things are not what they seem to be.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Trisha

LESALESA

Chandru's grandfather is going to visit him but Chandru has spent all his money. So he requests his wealthy friend, Rakesh, to pose as the owner of all the riches till his grandfather stays with him.

- Cast: Trisha Krishnan, Shaam, Radha Ravi, Vivek, Cochin Haneeza



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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



1 THE TREADMILL'S DARK AND TWISTED PAST BY CONOR HEFFERNAN

The constant thud underneath your feet. The constrained space. The monotony of going nowhere fast. Running on a treadmill can certainly feel like torture, but did you know it was originally used for that very purpose? Conor Heffernan details the dark and twisted history of the treadmill.



2 WHAT EXPLAINS THE RISE OF HUMANS? BY YUVAL NOAH HARARI

Our actions determine the fate of other animals — and possibly Earth itself. How did we get from there to here? Historian Yuval Noah Harari suggests a surprising reason for the rise of humanity.



3 A POETIC EXPERIMENT: WALT WHITMAN, INTERPRETED BY THREE ANIMATORS BY JUSTIN MOORE

Take a journey through Walt Whitman's poem 'A Noiseless Patient Spider' with the help of three animators who each used a different animation style to bring this beautiful poem to life.



4 HOW WE CONQUERED THE DEADLY SMALLPOX VIRUS BY SIMONA ZOMPI

For 10,000 years, humanity suffered from the scourge of smallpox. The virus killed almost a third of its victims within two weeks and left survivors scarred. But Simona Zompi commends the brave souls who first stopped the spread of this disastrous disease, to make us smallpox-free today.



5 WHAT FOODS DID YOUR ANCESTORS LOVE? BY APARNA PALLAVI

Food researcher Aparna Pallavi explores why once-essential culinary traditions disappear from people's lives and memories almost without notice — and serves up a subtle solution to revitalise our connection to the foods we eat.

REGIONAL



GEETHA (Kannada)

Set against the backdrop of the Gokak Chaluvali (the language rights agitation in the 1980s in Karnataka), this movie tells the story of Akash and Geetha whose paths keep crossing as they bump into each other at different stages of their lives.

- Cast: Ganesh, Shashi Srivastava, Prayaga
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

PYAAR PREMA KAADHAL (Tamil)

Sree Kumar, a young man, falls in love with Sindhuja, a vivacious woman. However, complications soon arise and they part their separate ways only to reunite again.

- Cast: Harish Kalyan, Raiza Wilson, Anand Babu, Rekha
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

MANAROOPA (Kannada)

A group of old college friends decide to plan a reunion after they have graduated. They hope for the get-together to be a time to reminisce about their past and celebrate their successes but unexpected challenges are thrown their way.

- Cast: Dilip Kumar, Nisha B. R.
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month



KOODA (Malayalam)

Following the loss of his sister, a young man is forced to reflect on his childhood and reassess his future. However, he finds support and courage from unexpected quarters.

- Cast: Parvathy Thiruvothu, Prithviraj Sukumaran, Nazriya Nazim
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

YE MAAYA CHESAVE (Telugu)

Karthik, an engineering graduate, wants to make films. He falls in love with Jessie, his neighbour, but her father opposes their relationship due to religious differences.

- Cast: Samantha Akkineni, Naga Chaitanya, Krishnu, Sanjay Swaroop
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month



MAHANATI (Telugu)

Savitri, the most admired actress from South Indian cinema, goes through various tragic incidents in her personal life. Unable to cope with depression, she eventually becomes an alcoholic.

- Cast: Keerthy Suresh, Dulquer Salmaan, Vijay Deverakonda, Samantha Akkineni
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

SOBIBOR (Russian)

Soviet officer Alexander Pechersky organises a revolt and mass escape of prisoners from Sobibor extermination camp in October 1943.

- Cast: Konstantin Khabensky, Christopher Lambert, Maria Kozhevnikova
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THE ENDLESS TRENCH (Spanish: La trinchera infinita)

A man, Higinio Blanco, locks himself in his house during the Spanish Civil War, without knowing how long it will last.

- Cast: Belén Cuesta, Antonio de la Torre, José Manuel Poga, Vicente Vergara
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month



THE NEGOTIATOR (English)

When a prominent police negotiator is accused of corruption, he takes people hostage to buy himself time and search for evidence that will clear his name.

- Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey, David Morse, Regina Taylor
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month



THE TOWN (English)

A proficient group of thieves rob a bank and hold Claire, the manager, hostage. Things begin to get complicated when one of the crew members falls in love with Claire.

- Cast: Ben Affleck, Jeremy Renner, Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month



NOW STREAMING



HOPE VIEWERS WILL RELISH FRENCH BIRIYANI DELIVERED RIGHT AT THEIR HOMES: PANNAGA BHARANA

• A Sharadhaa

French Biryani will be Pannaga Bharana's second directorial after *Happy New Year*, and his first attempt at comedy. Having gained experience by working mostly in films made by his father, well-known director TS Nagarbhara, as well as some other projects, Pannaga is now happy to present all of it on one platter: "Biryani comes in layers, which we have to mix up and relish. Likewise, *French Biryani* was made possible with a good team coming together," he says. Ahead of the film's release on Amazon Prime on July 24, Pannaga talks to *CE* about the preparations that went in making *French Biryani*:

'If not for Puneeth, this film wouldn't have been conceived'

"First comes the production house. PRK Production, created by Puneeth Rajkumar, a film jointly produced by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar and Gurudutt A Talwar. Puneeth, who likes to experiment, decided to take up this project, and is open to these kinds of subjects. If not for him, I don't think *French Biryani* would have happened.

They gave wings to this project," says Pannaga.

Essence of the story

"*French Biryani* was a story written by me, which was developed by writer Avinash Balekka. He has done a fantastic job," says Pannaga.

A spicy touch

Along with Danish Sait, *French Biryani* stars a host of actors, including Sal Yusuf, Rangayana Raghu, Disha Madan, Nagabhusan, Sindhu, and Mahantesh, among others. "All of them come with their own talent, and their individual strength has come together here. This has brought in spice to the project," says Pannaga.

'Music director Vasuki Vaibhav has brought in a different flavour'

Composer Vasuki Vaibhav, who is usually known for his melodies, has stepped out of his comfort zone to create music for *French Biryani*. The film has four songs. *The Bengaluru song* has a mix of rap. *Yen Madodu Swamy* is a bar song sung by Puneeth Rajkumar. Then there is a chase song, which has been shot in Shivajinagar. "There is also a death procession song, *Hogbutta Charles Hogbutta*, which is satirical. The last

two songs will be out tomorrow," Pannaga says.

Creating the right kind of atmosphere

Cinematographer Karthik Palani, who has been associated with big films starring Rajinikanth and Mahesh Babu, has treated this comedy unlike his previous projects. "He wanted this to be a different film for himself. He treated it like a serious film, but the content is comedy," says Pannaga.

A matter of timing

Editor Deepu S Kumar has kept the timing shot and sweet. "He understood the pace of the film, and has kept the duration at two hours. Music and editing should go hand in hand for comedy to work, and he has kept it intact," says the director.

Chef at work

"I have come out with my first out-and-out comedy. Initially, it was very scary. However, the end product looks satisfying," says Pannaga. "Humour is something, which is difficult because if you listen to comedy sequences once, you laugh at it. But when you are repeatedly listening to the same thing, at one point, you stop enjoying humour, and you feel that the fun gets lost. I



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— Pannaga Bharana, director

have been part of *French Biryani* from the inception stage to writing it, bringing together the cast and crew, shooting, editing, and reworking on the entire process. By now, I have seen the visuals and comedy more than 100 times. At one point, I start losing judgment about whether it is funny or not, and it was a new experience. Every time I would finish a sequence, I would go and sit with a person, show him the clipping, and observe if he is laughing at it or not. Today, when people have embraced the songs and trailer, I feel really happy. I hope that *French Biryani*, now delivered right at home, will be relished by the audience.



Director with Puneeth Rajkumar and Danish Sait



Karthik Palani



Vasuki Vaibhav

CINEMATIC THERAPY

• Nithya Gnanapandithan

Cinema as catharsis. Not for the audience, however, but the creator. Shia LaBeouf wrote the script of *Honey Boy* as part of the therapy during his rehab program. The film, streaming on Amazon Prime Video, shows his on-screen surrogate Otis doing this as well as the best of his rehab therapist. *Honey Boy* is filled with such meta instances. While Noah Jupe and Lucas Hedges play LaBeouf's 12 and 22-year-old versions, LaBeouf plays his own father James. The tumultuous relationship the actor shared with his alcoholic, abusive father during his childhood forms the core of the film.

The title *Honey Boy* comes from LaBeouf's own childhood nickname, and we see James use it when talking to Otis over the course of the film. His mother, whom we only hear on

the phone once, just calls him 'Honey'. So his father's name for him seems like an ironic spin on this. Otis is a child actor and James is his paid chaperone. The fact that he is, in effect, an employee of his own son galls him. Otis throws this in his face during a crucial scene and even goes so far as to taunt him that no one else will employ a felon like him. For James, in addition to being a recovering alcoholic, also has a record as a sex offender. This is clearly no ordinary father-son relationship.

The grown up Otis though resists pointing the finger at his father for his own alcoholism. "My dad's not the reason I drink," he tells his therapist during his court-ordered rehab after his third drunken altercation. He also finds it hard to believe when the doctor tells him he has PTSD. "From what?" he asks her, right before we cut to the title and the flashback. The scene that follows, of young

Otis on set as a child actor, mirrors the opening sequence of 22-year-old Otis on the set of a Transformers-like big-budget action film (another meta nod as LaBeouf is known for the Transformers franchise). The action shot, the rap music that follows as Otis walks through the set after, the struggle to get out of the harness, it's all there. And it all points to how his childhood has led to where he is now.

Being an actor himself, it's no surprise that LaBeouf has written a script that puts acting at the forefront. *Honey Boy* is driven by its three central performances. Lucas Hedges, to be sure, doesn't have a whole lot to do, but does well with the little he has. LaBeouf, needless to say, pours himself into his father's character. But the real revelation here is Noah Jupe as 12-year-old Otis. The young actor is simply superb and of



Honey Boy

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

HOME THEATRE A biweekly column that focuses on the notable content available on the wide variety of streaming platforms around you.

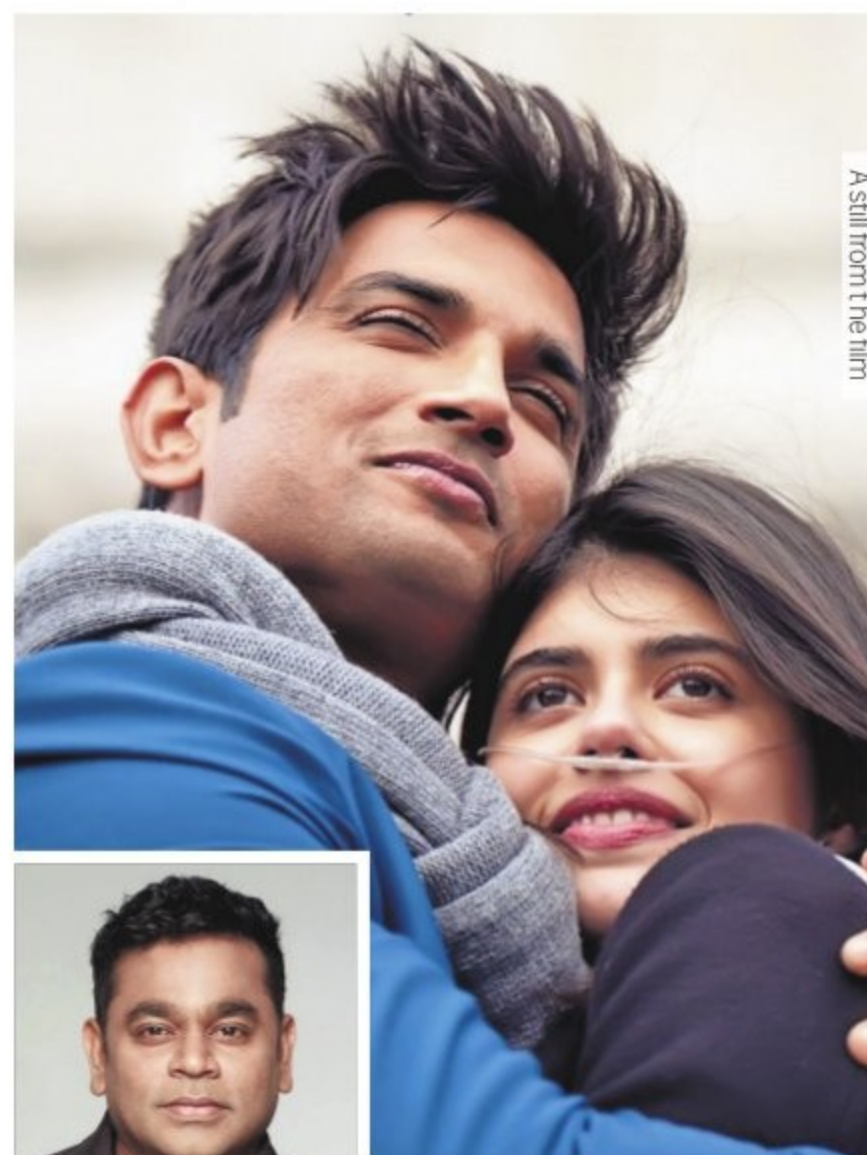
AR Rahman comes out with a musical tribute to Sushant Singh Rajput's last film *Dil Bechara*

• CE Features

Followed by AR Rahman's performance of the title track, several singers including Sunidhi Chauhan, Hriday Gattani, Mohit Chauhan, Shreya Ghoshal, Arijit Singh, Shashaa Tirupati and Jonita Gandhi also participated and performed in the tribute video. "The music of *Dil Bechara* will always remain special to all of us. The nine tracks I composed for the film have a whole new meaning today. These songs are dedicated to the loving memory of Sushant Singh Rajput," Rahman says in the video and wishes success for director Mukesh Chhabra and strength to everyone in these difficult times.

In an Instagram post, Mukesh Chhabra wrote, "Thank you so much @arrahman sir for doing this for Sushant, a beautiful tribute dedicated to him. Out of his own love, AR Rahman has created this beautiful gesture, a big thank you, will forever be grateful."

Sushant Singh Rajput died by suicide on June 14 at the age of 34. The album has nine tracks, all composed by Rahman and sung by various singers. It has lyrics penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya. An adaptation of *The Fault in Our Stars*, the film also stars debutante Sanjana Sanghi



A still from the film



AR Rahman

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— Mukesh Chhabra, director

Shruti Haasan opens up about role in web series *Yaara*

• CE Features

Shruti Haasan says it was fun to prepare for her character in the upcoming film *Yaara*, as she was playing an older woman for the first time.

Shruti said: "(The story is set) In the seventies and then in the nineties, so it was lovely to jump time frames. The portion of the nineties is when we are playing older versions of our characters." "This was the first time ever that I would be playing an older woman, so it was fun to prepare myself for that," The actor added.

The film co-starring Vidyut Jammwal, Amitabh, Vijay Varma, Kenny Basumaty and Sanjay Mishra, is slated to open on Friendship Day,

July 30 on ZEE5.

The Tigmanshu Dhulia directorial is a Bollywood remake of the French film *Gang Story*. The story of the film is set in North India, and is about the rise and fall of a group of four friends operating along the Indo-Nepal border.



Shruti Haasan



Section 375 to be screened at Shanghai film fest

• CE Features

The critically-acclaimed film, *Section 375*, will be being screened at the upcoming 23rd Shanghai International Film Festival in China.

The fest will be held from July 25 to August 2. The film will be screened on July 26, 30, 31 and August 1 and 2.

Directed by Ajay Bahl, *Section 375* is a courtroom drama where Richa Chadha plays the public prosecutor who is fighting the case of a rape victim Anjali Dangle, played by Meera Chopra. Akshaye Khanna is seen as the lawyer trying to defend a powerful filmmaker (Rahul Bhat) accused of rape.

The film focuses on *Section 375* of the Indian Penal Code, under which a woman can accuse a man of rape if he has sexual intercourse with her without her consent, or if the consent is produced via coercion or deception, or if the woman is not of sound mental state to give consent.